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Public Comment Notice - Home and Community Based Services Waiver

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The Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services (HFS) proposes to amend the Home and Community Based Services Waiver (HCBS) for the Illinois Supportive Living Program – IL 0326. Changes in the amendment include:

1. Implements legislation requiring payment for the \$6.15 daily add-on for providing two (2) meals per day be paid with General Revenue Funds after American Rescue Plan Act funds are no longer available as of April 2025.
2. Implements legislation requiring the reimbursement rate be increased to 54.75% of the average total nursing facility services per diem for the geographic areas defined by the Medicaid Agency.
3. Implements legislation allowing Certified Medication Aides to provide medication administration, excluding Schedule II controlled substances and subcutaneous, intramuscular, intradermal and intravenous medication. Certified Medication Aides will be under the supervision of a licensed nurse who will be present in the building when medication administration is being provided.
4. Implements legislation restricting Supportive Living Program provider growth.
5. Revises Performance Measure I2 to change the sample size to 100%.

HFS seeks public input on this proposed waiver amendment through two separate statements of public notice.

- 1) An electronic public notice is posted on the HFS website at <https://hfs.illinois.gov/info/legal/publicnotices.html>.
- 2) A non-electronic public notice may be viewed at the Department of Human Services (DHS) local offices (except in Cook County). In Cook County, the notice may be reviewed at the Office of the Director, Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services, 401 South Clinton Street, 1st Floor, Chicago, Illinois.

In addition to the two methods of notification above, HFS, the operating agency for the waiver, will share the public notice and the opportunity for input with stakeholders and other interested parties.

A hard copy of the proposed waiver amendment may be downloaded and printed from the HFS website at <https://hfs.illinois.gov/medicalclients/hcbs.html> or may be requested by calling 217/524-4148. Copies are also available at the following locations:

Healthcare and Family Services
201 South Grand Avenue East
Springfield, IL 62763

Healthcare and Family Services
401 South Clinton
Chicago, IL 60607

HFS is accepting public input regarding this proposed amendment for a 30-day public comment period from 8/30/2024 through 9/29/2024. Those interested in providing input are asked to email feedback to the HFS email address at HFS.HCBSWaiver@illinois.gov or mail their written input to:

Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services
ATTN: Waiver Operations Management
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A summary of the public notice and comments will be incorporated into the waiver amendment. The summary will include modifications to the initial waiver amendment and the reasons why the State of Illinois adopted or did not adopt specific comments or recommendations.