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## **Public Comment Notice – Proposed 1915(i) State Plan Amendment Family Caregiver Home Health Aide Services**

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The Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services (HFS) proposes to submit a 1915(i) state plan amendment (SPA) to establish a new home and community-based services (HCBS) benefit.

Pursuant to [Public Act 103-0593](#), the 1915(i) SPA seeks to establish reimbursement for legally responsible family caregivers credentialed as a Certified Nurse Aide (CNA) to provide home health aide services to a medically fragile relative under the age of 21 who requires in-home nursing care.

This expanded service array will provide additional flexibility and support to families in managing their child's symptoms in the home setting, with a focus on improving childhood quality of life. HFS anticipates implementing these new services effective January 1, 2025. The addition of family caregiver home health aide services is anticipated to be cost neutral.

Illinois seeks public input on this proposed 1915(i) state plan through the following mechanisms:

- 1) An electronic public notice is posted on the HFS website at: at <https://hfs.illinois.gov/info/legal/publicnotices.html>
- 2) A hard copy of the public notice and proposed 1915(i) state plan amendment may be downloaded and printed from the HFS website at: <https://hfs.illinois.gov/medicalproviders/cc/1915iapplication.html> or may be requested by email at [HFS.BPPC@illinois.gov](mailto:HFS.BPPC@illinois.gov). 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 the proposed state plan amendment for a 30-day public comment period from December 31, 2024 through January 30, 2025. Those interested in providing input are asked to email feedback to [HFS.BPPC@illinois.gov](mailto:HFS.BPPC@illinois.gov) or mail written input to:

Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services  
ATTN: Bureau of Program and Policy Coordination  
201 South Grand Avenue East, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
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A summary of the public notice and comments will be incorporated into the amendment.