

**STATE OF ILLINOIS  
HEALTHCARE AND FAMILY SERVICES  
PROPOSED CHANGES IN METODS AND STANDARDS FOR ESTABLISHING HOMEMAKER SERVICE  
PAYMENT RATES WITHIN HOME AND COMMUNITY BASED SERVICES (HCBS) WAIVER  
WAIVER FOR PERSONS WITH BRAIN INJURY**

The Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services (HFS), in conjunction with the Illinois Department of Human Services, Division of Rehabilitation Services (DHS-DRS), propose to implement action by the Illinois General Assembly to increase rates of pay for Homemaker Services by, at least, \$.72 per hour to \$18.29 per hour. Also, an enhanced rate of \$1.77 per hour will be paid to those in-home service provider agencies that offer health insurance coverage as a benefit to their direct service worker employees. Illinois Public Act 100-0023 provides that the enhanced rate shall be adjusted using actuarial analysis based on the cost of care.

The specific sections (and page numbers) within the Waiver are proposed for the change:

Appendix I – Financial Accountability – Section I-2 (Page 203)

Appendix J – Cost Neutrality Demonstration – Section J-1 and J-2 (Pages 215, 219, 225, 232, 238 and 245)

Illinois seeks public input into the development of the HCBS Waiver for Persons with Brain Injury through two separate statements of public notice and input.

- 1) An electronic public notice is posted on the HFS website at <https://www.illinois.gov/hfs/info/legal/PublicNotices/Pages/default.aspx>.
- 2) A non-electronic public notice may be viewed at the 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, DHS-DRS, the operating agency of the HCBS Waiver for Persons with Brain Injury, has emailed this notification to its stakeholders and other interested parties.

A hard copy of the proposed waiver change may be downloaded and printed from the HFS website at <https://www.illinois.gov/hfs/MedicalClients/HCBS/Pages/default.aspx> or may be requested by calling 217/557-0997. 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 change of the HCBS Waiver for Persons with Brain Injury for a 30 day public comment period from 9/20/17 through 10/19/17. Those interested in providing input are asked to email feedback to the HFS web portal email address at [HFS.HCBSWaiver@illinois.gov](mailto:HFS.HCBSWaiver@illinois.gov) or mail their written input to:

Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services  
ATTN: Waiver Management  
201 South Grand Avenue East 2FL  
Springfield, IL 62763

A summary of the public notice and comments will be incorporated into the change. The summary will include modifications to the initial waiver change and the reasons why the State of Illinois adopted or did not adopt specific comments or recommendations.