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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 Service Waiver (HCBS) for Children who are Medically Fragile, Technology Dependent – IL 0278. The changes in the amendment are:

- 1) Increase the rate for Placement Maintenance Counseling from \$50.00 to \$86.28 to be consistent with the Illinois Department of Human Services rates for counseling services. This is an increase of 72.56%. This service has not been utilized in waiver years 1-4. Changing this rate should not affect utilization projections.
- 2) Revise the utilization projection and expenditure for waiver year five for In-Home Shift Nursing and Certified Nursing Assistant to account for the customers over the age of 21 remaining on the waiver and recent rate increases.
- 3) Add Electrical Assessments to the current service definition under “Environmental Accessibility Adaptation” as an available option. Adding this service should not affect utilization projections.
- 4) Add Generators to the current service definition under “Environmental Accessibility Adaptation” as an available option. Adding this service should not affect utilization projections.
- 5) Reduce the number of bids required for vehicle modifications and home modifications from three to two.

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://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 above, the University of Illinois at Chicago, Division of Specialized Care for Children, 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://www.illinois.gov/hfs/MedicalClients/HCBS/Pages/default.aspx> 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
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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 09/02/2021 through 10/02/2021. 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.