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Public Comment Notice - Home and Community Based Services Waiver

6/17/2021

The Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services (HFS) proposes to renew the Persons with who are Elderly waiver – IL 0143. The renewal contains few changes from the current waiver. The primary differences are:

- Changing the effective date of the waiver from 11/1/2021 to 10/1/2021 to align with the Federal fiscal year.
- Update the waiver capacities and overall cost estimates to reflect historical trends for both fee-for-service and Managed Care Organization (MCO) customers.
- Update eligibility by adding the eligibility group for the TWWIIA group (working disabled). Illinois' Health Benefits for Workers with Disabilities program allows customers through age 64 to participate in this program.
- Update Appendix D to increase the face-to-face contacts from once a year to every six months for fee-for-service participants.
- Update Appendix F, Fair Hearings section, to align with MCO contract requirements and to reflect the Intergovernmental Agreement with the Department on Aging.
- Update Appendix G, Response to Critical Incidents section, to describe the State's new Critical Event Reporting Application system. This system captures critical incidents that are not related to abuse, neglect, self-neglect, or exploitation. Additionally, the Response to Critical Incidents Section was rewritten so that the language flows better and is easier to understand the different reporting and tracking systems.
- Update performance measures reflecting CMS recommendations, specifically in Appendix G, and included two new performance measures specific to the Settings rule.

Illinois seeks public input on this proposed waiver renewal of the HCBS Waiver for Persons who are Elderly 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 Illinois Department on Aging, the operating agency of the HCBS Waiver for Persons who are Elderly, will share the public notice and the opportunity for input with stakeholders and other interested parties.

A hard copy of the proposed waiver renewal 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 the proposed renewal of the HCBS Waiver for Persons who are Elderly for a 30-day public comment period from 06/17/2021 through 07/17/2021. Those interested in providing input are asked to email feedback to the HFS web portal 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 renewal. The summary will include modifications to the initial waiver renewal and the reasons why the State of Illinois adopted or did not adopt specific comments or recommendations.