

HFS Medical Clients

Home and Community Based Services Waiver Programs

What is an HCBS Waiver?

A waiver is a program that provides services that allow individuals to remain in their own homes or live in a community setting, instead of in an institution. Illinois has nine HCBS waivers. Each waiver is designed for individuals with similar needs and offers a different set of services.

Who is eligible for a HCBS Waiver?

Individuals must be U.S. citizens or legal aliens and residents of the state of Illinois;

Individuals must meet Medicaid financial eligibility criteria as specified in each waiver;

Individuals must require an institutional level of care as specified in each waiver;

Individuals' service needs must be able to be provided in the waiver at a cost equal to or less than the cost for institutional care; and

Individuals must meet any other requirements, such as age or diagnosis requirements, specific to the waiver program.

Current HCBS Waivers

The State currently operates the nine HCBS Waiver Programs listed below.

Children and Young Adults with Developmental Disabilities-Support Waiver

Fact Sheet

Currently Active Waiver (pdf)

Children and Young Adults with Developmental Disabilities-Residential Waiver

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Currently Active Waiver (pdf)

People who are Medically Fragile, Technology Dependent

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Currently Active Waiver (pdf)

Proposed Renewal - 5/31/17 (pdf)

Persons with Disabilities

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Currently Active Waiver (pdf)

Proposed Amendment - 09/20/17 (pdf)

Persons with Brain Injuries (BI)

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Currently Active Waiver (pdf)

Proposed Renewal - 5/31/17 (pdf)

Proposed Payment Rate Change - 09/20/17 (pdf)

Adults with Developmental Disabilities

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Currently Active Waiver (pdf)

Proposed Renewal - 5/31/17 (pdf)

Persons who are Elderly

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Currently Active Waiver (pdf)

Proposed Amendment - 09/11/17 (pdf)

Persons with HIV or AIDS

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Proposed Amendment - 09/20/17 (pdf)

Supportive Living Facilities

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Proposed Renewal - 5/31/17 (pdf)

New Federal Home and Community Based Services Final Rules and Plans for Compliance in all Illinois 1915 (c) Waivers

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) issued new rules related to home and community based settings. Information regarding Illinois' efforts to comply with those CMS rules, and a copy of Illinois' Statewide Transition Plan, can be found at the following link:

Statewide Transition Plan