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## Public Comment Notice – Home and Community Based 1915(i) State Plan Amendment

10/21/2020

The Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services (HFS) proposes to submit a state plan amendment (SPA) to establish a Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) benefit.

### Overview

The 1915(i) SPA adds new Home-and-Community-Based (HCBS) services to the Illinois Medicaid service array for a targeted population of individuals who meet specified needs-based eligibility criteria. The service delivery design outlined under the 1915(i) considers the Department's commitments under the N.B. Consent Decree and the service definitions and commitments outlined under Illinois' Behavioral Health Transformation - Section 1115 Demonstration Waiver. The 1915(i) benefit is organized into two components, as summarized below.

**Component 1:** 1915(i) Children's Mental Health - Home and Community Based Services (CMH-HCBS) Services under Component 1 will be targeted to children who meet the definition of the N.B. Class, which includes having a behavioral health diagnosis and meeting certain eligibility criteria. These services include:

- Care Coordination and Support (CCS), inclusive of High-Fidelity Wraparound and Intensive Care Coordination;
- Family Peer Support;
- Intensive Home-Based Services;
- Respite;
- Therapeutic Mentoring;
- Therapeutic Support Services; and
- Individual Support Services.

This expanded service array will significantly enhance the community-based behavioral health system for children, providing children and families with the services necessary to support their success at home, school, and in the community. HFS anticipates implementing these new services effective July 1, 2021.

For FY2022, the fiscal impact is estimated at \$100 million.

**Component 2:** 1915(i) Supportive - Home and Community Based Services (S-HCBS) under Component 2 will be targeted to individuals with an identified need for housing and/or employment supports. The target population and service definitions for Component 2 are based on two pilot services from the Section 1115 Demonstration Waiver. Component 2 services include:

- Housing Supports; and
- Supported Employment.

These services will be phased in over a three-year period, beginning in Year 2 of the 1915(i), to allow the Department sufficient time for provider capacity building.

For FY2022, the fiscal impact will be \$0, as Component 2 services will not begin until FY2023. Fiscal impact for FY2023 is estimated at \$25 million.

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 <https://www.illinois.gov/hfs/info/legal/PublicNotices/Pages/default.aspx>.
- 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://www.illinois.gov/hfs/MedicalProviders/cc/Pages/1915iapplication.aspx> or may be requested by email at [HFS.BBH@illinois.gov](mailto:HFS.BBH@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 10/21/2020 through 11/20/2020. Those interested in providing input are asked to email feedback to [HFS.1915comments@illinois.gov](mailto:HFS.1915comments@illinois.gov) (email address will be active on 10/26/20 for comments) or mail written input to:

Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services  
ATTN: Bureau of Behavioral Health  
201 South Grand Avenue East, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
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A summary of the public notice and comments will be incorporated into the amendment.