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## **Public Notice – Better Care Illinois Behavioral Health Initiative: Crisis Intervention Pilot Services (Crisis “beds”)**

In May 2018, the Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services received approval of its 1115 waiver. This waiver includes pilots designed to better serve Medicaid beneficiaries in need of behavioral health services.

The waiver authorizes the state to receive federal financial participation (FFP) for a continuum of services to treat addictions to opioids and other substances as well as other behavioral health conditions. The programs and related innovations are known as the *Better Care Illinois Behavioral Health Initiative*.

HFS is preparing to implement Crisis Intervention Pilot Services (Crisis “beds”) as a key component of the Better Care Illinois Behavioral Health Initiative. This pilot is designed as diversion from inpatient psychiatric hospitalization and includes 24-hour clinical supervision and observation through short-term hospital / residential stays for children and adults in HFS approved settings including hospitals and community residential settings with less than 16 beds.

Pilot sites must have the capacity to provide the full array of crisis services while also offering onsite treatment services to stabilize individuals in crisis including:

- Medication Prescription and Monitoring
- Crisis Intervention.
- Crisis Safety Planning.
- Crisis Stabilization.
- Integrated Assessment and Treatment Planning.
- Therapy/Counseling.
- Discharge Services.

HFS will be presenting webinars to provide additional information on the design and implementation process for Crisis Intervention Pilot Services. Members of the public and service providers who are interested in further understanding this pilot program are invited to register for one of the webinars using the links below:

December 17, 2018     10am     [Crisis Intervention Pilot Services](#)

December 18, 2018     2pm     [Crisis Intervention Pilot Services](#)

December 19, 2018     2pm     [Crisis Intervention Pilot Services](#)

Questions related to the *Better Care Illinois Behavioral Health Initiative: Crisis Intervention Pilot Services* or the webinars can be submitted via email to [HFS.1115pilots@illinois.gov](mailto:HFS.1115pilots@illinois.gov).