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Notice of Public Hearing

July 17 - 18, 2017

9 a.m. EST

Indiana Government Center, South Building
Conference Center Room C
Indianapolis, IN

Subject: Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) modernization

Purpose: To obtain input from stakeholders regarding the opportunities for change in the existing HCBS system to better serve older adults and persons with disabilities of all ages who come into contact with the HCBS system.

Over the last two years, the Indiana Family and Social Services Administration's (FSSA) Division of Aging (DA) worked closely with key stakeholders to examine challenges and potential ways to modernize HCBS systems in Indiana. The state seeks to redesign the delivery of publicly-funded HCBS. House Bill (HB) 1493 called for the development of a report articulating broad proposals for HCBS modernization guided by stakeholder engagement.

FSSA invites public testimony from diverse stakeholders in this process, including, but not limited to:

- Consumers, caregivers and advocates for individual consumers of service or their caregivers;
- Providers, or provider representatives/trade associations, of all types of HCBS – assisted living, structured family care, respite services, personal attendant, and homemaker services;
- Area Agencies on Aging/Aging and Disability Resource Centers, Centers for Independent Living;
- Individuals and organizations that believe that they may reflect skills/experience/resources that would enhance Indiana's ability to expand the scope and availability of HCBS.



Public written and oral testimony should focus on one or more of the themes included in HB 1493:

- (1) Evaluation of the current system of services to determine which services provide the most appropriate use of resources.
- (2) Study of the eligibility assessment process, including the functional and financial assessment process, for home and community based services to determine how to streamline the process to allow access to services in a time frame similar to that of institutional care.
- (3) Options for individuals to receive services and supports appropriate to meet the individual's needs in a cost effective and high quality manner that focuses on social and health outcomes.
- (4) Evaluation of the adequacy of reimbursement rates to attract and retain a sufficient number of providers, including a plan to regularly and periodically increase reimbursement rates to address increased costs of providing services.
- (5) Migration of individuals from the aged and disabled Medicaid waiver to amended Medicaid waivers, new Medicaid waivers, the state Medicaid plan, or other programs that offer home and community based services.

FSSA will schedule oral testimony limited to 30 minutes in duration with advance registration.

Each individual wishing to provide oral testimony will need to register in advance by Monday, July 10. Those who do not register prior to the deadline will not be able to testify. To register, please send an email to DAComments@fssa.in.gov with your name, organization (if applicable), preferred date – either Monday, July 17, or Tuesday, July 18, and your preference for either a morning or afternoon time slot. FSSA will do its best to accommodate all preferences for time and date of scheduled testimony and will process all registration requests on a first come, first serve basis. FSSA reserves the right to exclude testimony that does not address the themes included in HB 1493.

FSSA requests that registered individuals submit three copies of any prepared testimony at the hearing registration desk and welcomes advance receipt of prepared statements sent to the same email used for registration (DAComments@fssa.in.gov). FSSA will also accept written testimony only if submitted by close of business, Wednesday, July 19, 2017. Written testimony may be submitted by email (DAComments@fssa.in.gov) or may be mailed to:

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