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The Flinn Report is a weekly summary of regulatory actions of State agencies published in the *Illinois Register* and action taken by the Illinois General Assembly's Joint Committee on Administrative Rules (JCAR). The Flinn Report honors founding JCAR member Representative Monroe Flinn, and is designed to inform and involve the public in changes taking place in agency administration.

Proposed Rulemakings

▪ PRESCRIPTION MONITORING

The DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES proposed amendments to the Part titled Electronic Prescription Monitoring Program (77 IAC 2080; 50 Ill Reg 3550) that align the Illinois Prescription Monitoring Program (ILPMP) with current standards for prescription monitoring databases. This rulemaking adds licensed clinical professional counselors, licensed social workers, and other designees authorized by the ILPMP to the list of authorized designees who may access the ILPMP (currently, RNs, LPNs, pharmacy technicians, student pharmacists, certified medical assistants, dental assistants and dental hygienists may be authorized designees). Hospitals, long term care facilities, and other authorized locations are no longer exempt from the limit of 5 authorized designees per prescriber/dispenser. All designees must be registered at the ILPMP website. Outdated procedures for

designee designation at authorized locations for electronic health records (EHR) and for authorizing group user access are removed. The rulemaking also clarifies that the ILPMP website will be maintained by Department staff, which includes developing, modifying, and maintaining data files; updates required registration credentials; and clarifies the appeals

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process when access requests are denied. Those affected by this rulemaking include health care providers, pharmacies, and their employees.

Questions/requests for copies/comments through 4/20/26: Tracie Drew, DHS, 100 S. Grand Ave. East, Harris Building, 3rd Floor, Springfield IL 62762, 217-785-9772, DHS.AdministrativeRules@illinois.gov

▪ LIQUOR CONTROL

The ILLINOIS LIQUOR CONTROL COMMISSION proposed repeal of the Part titled The Illinois Liquor Control Commission (11 IAC 100; 50 Ill Reg 3559) and proposed a new Part with the same number and title (11 IAC 100; 50 Ill Reg 3623). The new Part reorganizes and updates current ILCC rules to reflect statutory changes and current industry practices; institutes a process to prosecute administrative cases; and incorporates and updates the Beverage Alcohol Sellers and Servers Training (BASSET) Rules. ILCC also proposed repeal of the Part titled Beverage Alcohol Sellers and Servers Education and Training (BASSET) Programs (77 IAC 3500; 50 Ill Reg 3776) because these rules are being moved to the new Part 100. Establishments that sell or serve alcoholic beverages are affected.

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ADOPTED RULES: Rules adopted by agencies this week. **EMERGENCY RULES:** Temporary rules adopted for no more than 150 days. **PROPOSED RULEMAKINGS:** Rules proposed by agencies this week, commencing a First Notice public comment period of at least 45 days. **PEREMPTORY RULES:** Rules adopted without prior public notice or JCAR review as authorized by 5 ILCS 100/5-50.

- - Designates rules of special interest to small businesses, small municipalities and/or non-profit organizations. Agencies must consider comments from these groups and attempt to minimize regulatory burdens on them.

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS: Submit mail, e-mail or phone calls to the agency personnel listed below each summary.

RULE TEXT: First Notice proposed text, emergency rule and peremptory rule text is available at the Secretary of State website (<https://www.ilsos.gov/departments/index/register/home.html>) or at the Illinois General Assembly website (<http://www.ilga.gov>) under "Illinois Register". Second Notice text for proposed rulemakings (original version with any changes made by the agency during First Notice included) is available at the JCAR website.

Proposed Rulemakings

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Questions/requests for copies/comments on the 3 ILCC rulemakings through 4/20/26: Noel Quanbeck, ILCC, 50 W. Washington St., Suite 209, Chicago IL 60602, 312-814-8295, ILCC.Legal@illinois.gov

STROKE CENTERS

The DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH proposed amendments to the Part titled Emergency Medical Services Trauma Centers, Pediatric Emergency and Critical Centers, and Stroke Centers Hospital Code (77 IAC 515; 50 Ill Reg 3787) implementing Public Act 103-0605. The PA and the rulemaking establish three new categories for stroke centers: Thrombectomy Capable Stroke Center (TCSC), Thrombectomy Ready Stroke Center (TRSC), and Primary Stroke Center Plus (PSC+). (A thrombectomy is a

procedure to remove a blood clot that has caused a stroke by blocking blood flow to the brain. A Thrombectomy Capable Stroke Center has the staff and equipment available to perform this procedure at any time. A Thrombectomy Ready Stroke Center can identify patients in need of a thrombectomy, administer clot-busting medication and stabilize them prior to transferring them to a TCSC. A Primary Stroke Center Plus meets all the current requirements for a Primary Stroke Center, in addition to having 24/7 thrombectomy capability and higher-level stroke unit care.) Hospitals that have received these designations from a nationally recognized stroke center certifying body approved by DPH (these are listed on the DPH website) may apply for State designation from DPH by submitting proof of their national designation and a \$450 application fee. DPH will list hospitals with the TCSC, TRSC and PSC+ designations on its website. DPH may revoke the State designation from hospitals that have lost their national certification, or in

"extreme circumstances" where patients may be at risk for immediate harm or death and an investigation by the national certifying body is pending. Hospitals that have or are seeking designation as stroke centers are affected.

AIDS DRUG ASSISTANCE

DPH also proposed an amendment to AIDS Drug Assistance Program (77 IAC 692; 50 Ill Reg 3843) updating the income eligibility thresholds for the program (300% of the Federal Poverty Level based on the applicant's household size) to reflect the 2026 FPL.

Questions/requests for copies/comments on the 2 DPH rulemakings through 4/20/26: Tracey Trigillo, DPH, 524 S. Second St., 6th Floor, Springfield IL 62701, 217-782-1159, dph.rules@illinois.gov

Adopted Rules

HOST HOMES

The DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES adopted a new Part titled Licensing Standards for Host Homes (89 IAC 413; proposed at 49 Ill Reg 1914) effective 2/19/26 at 50 Ill Reg 3848, implementing Public Act 102-688. The PA and the new Part establish licensure requirements and oversight for temporary foster homes serving youth (ages 11-17) in the Department of Human Services' Comprehensive Community-Based Youth Services Program (CCBYS) who are at risk of involvement in the child welfare or juvenile justice system, but are not currently in DCFS care. A host home receives CCBYS youth in need of an emergency placement due to a family crisis or other issue. No more than 6 children, including the host family's own biological or adopted children, may reside in a host home. Host home licenses must be renewed every 4 years. A host home that is not currently accepting emergency placements but remains in compliance with this Part can be placed in non-active status. Host homes must complete an application and screening process and meet DCFS-established standards for safety, cleanliness,

personal space, background checks for household members, and in-service training comparable to those required of regular foster homes. Host homes will also undergo monitoring visits by the supervising agency unless the home is in inactive status. Host families are expected to treat children who are placed with them equitably with other children in the household; encourage regular school attendance and participation in extracurricular activities of their choice; respect the youth's religious practice; and treat LGBTQIA+ youth in a non-judgmental, empathetic, and respectful manner. This includes respecting their expression of gender identity in their chosen name and pronouns, clothing, hairstyle, makeup, choice of friends, and activities within appropriate boundaries, and protecting their right to confidentiality concerning their sexual orientation or gender identity. Finally, criminal offenses that categorically prevent host home licensure are listed, along with criminal offenses that bar licensure unless the applicant applies for and receives a waiver. Since 1st Notice, DCFS has updated various statutory definitions and text and has aligned water/pool safety rules for host

homes with those of regular foster homes. DCFS has also clarified that host families are not obligated to complete DCFS foster home training but must complete any training required by DHS for CCBYS.

Questions/requests for copies: Jeff Osowski, DCFS, 406 E. Monroe St., Stn. #65-D, Springfield IL 62701, 217-524-1983, DCFS.Policy@illinois.gov

NUCLEAR FACILITIES

The ILLINOIS EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY AND OFFICE OF HOMELAND SECURITY adopted amendments to the Part titled Safe Operation of Nuclear Facility Boilers and Pressure Vessels (32 IAC 505; proposed at 49 Ill Reg 5647) effective 2/23/26 at 50 Ill Reg 3902, that update incorporated codes and regulations to align with current industry standards, update contact information for standards-establishing organizations, and update references to IEMA-OHS.

Questions/requests for copies: Traci Burton, IEMA-OHS, 1035 Outer Park Drive, Springfield IL 62704, 217-785-9860, Traci.Burton@illinois.gov

Second Notices

The following rulemakings were moved to Second Notice this week by the agencies listed below, commencing the JCAR review period. These rulemakings will be considered at the March 24, 2026, meeting in Springfield. Other items not published in the *Illinois Register* or The Flinn Report may also be considered. Further comments concerning these rulemakings should be addressed to JCAR at jcar@ilga.gov.

DEPT OF AGRICULTURE

Cannabis Regulation and Tax Act (8 IAC 1300; 49 Ill Reg 12208) proposed 10/3/25

IL COMMERCE COMMISSION

Uniform System of Accounts for Electric Utilities (83 IAC 415; 49 Ill Reg 10958) proposed 9/5/25

DEPT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

Regulations for the Letting of Concessions, Farm Leases, Sale of Buildings and Facilities, and Demolitions (17 IAC 150; 49 Ill Reg 14478) proposed 11/14/25

DEPT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

Hospital Licensing Requirements (77 IAC 250; 50 Ill Reg 267) proposed 1/9/26

IL STUDENT ASSISTANCE COMMISSION

Grant Program for Exonerees (23 IAC 2743; 49 Ill Reg 12844) proposed 10/17/25

Illinois Graduate and Retain Our Workforce (iGROW) Tech Scholarship Program (23 IAC 2750; 49 Ill Reg 12875) proposed 10/17/25

Human Services Professional Loan Repayment Program (23 IAC 2752; 49 Ill Reg 12883) proposed 10/17/25

Community Behavioral Health Care Professional Loan Repayment Program (23 IAC 2755; 49 Ill Reg 12888) proposed 10/17/25

Journalism Student Scholarship Program (23 IAC 2755; 49 Ill Reg 12893) proposed 10/17/25

Next JCAR Meeting: Tuesday, March 24, 10:30 a.m.

Room C-1, Stratton Bldg., 401 S. Spring St., Springfield
Meeting will be live streamed on the JCAR website

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