**Section 676.10 Program Purpose and Types**

a) The Department of Human Services' (DHS) Home Services Program (HSP) is a Medicaid Waiver Program (42 CFR 440.180) designed to prevent the unnecessary institutionalization of individuals who may instead be satisfactorily maintained at home at a lesser cost to the State.

b) The Medicaid Waiver for the State of Illinois is administered by the Illinois Department of Public Aid (DPA), as the State's approved Medicaid agency. The operational responsibility for HSP, with the exception of hearings on customer appeals (see 89 Ill. Adm. Code 510), rests with DHS.

c) Although DHS shall be responsible for ensuring that the funds available under the HSP are administered in accordance with all applicable laws, DHS shall not have control or input in the employment relationship between the customer and the personal assistants.

(Source: Amended at 23 Ill. Reg. 6445, effective May 17, 1999)