



Illinois Association of Microboards and Cooperatives

"Empowering Quality Lives"

Microboard CILA: What is it?

Microboard CILA is one service option available to individuals in Illinois. For individuals and families who have an active microboard, the microboard can choose to become a licensed CILA (Community Integrated Living Arrangement) provider through DHS/BALC (Department of Human Services/Bureau of Accreditation, Licensure & Certification). The microboard then acts as an agency serving just one client – the individual. All rules and regulations that apply to other agencies apply to the microboard as well.

In order to become a CILA provider, a microboard representative must attend a mandatory "New Provider Orientation" session. Then the microboard may begin the process of completing the licensure application. The application process is cumbersome and lengthy. A microboard group must be adequately prepared with skilled, knowledgeable, and dedicated members in order to successfully obtain licensure.

Once the microboard agency is licensed with DHS/BALC, then they contract with DDD (Division of Developmental Disabilities) to provide specific CILA services to the individual they will serve. As they implement services, the Microboard CILA continues to work closely with BALC and BQM (Bureau of Quality Management) who monitor all service providers to ensure that services are provided appropriately and meet the needs of individuals.

There are a few Microboard CILAs currently in operation in Illinois. IAMC supports these trailblazers by collaborating with DDD, BALC, and BQM as they seek to adjust standard procedures created for large agencies to meet the needs of Microboards.

To explore information for new providers on the DHS/DDD website, [click here](#).