

ILLINOIS REGISTER

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTHCARE AND FAMILY SERVICES

NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION

1. Statute requiring agency to publish information concerning proposed changes in methods and standards for establishing medical assistance payment rates for medical services in the Illinois Register: 5 ILCS 100/5-70(c)
2. Summary of information: P.A. 98-0104 requires the Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services to implement an evidence-based payment methodology for the reimbursement of nursing services provided in nursing facilities, effective January 1, 2014. The methodology shall take into consideration the needs of individual residents, as assessed and reported using the most current version of the nursing facility Minimum Data Set (MDS) adopted by the federal government. A resident reimbursement classification will be established utilizing the 48-Group, Resource Utilizations Groups IV (RUG-IV) classification scheme and weights as published by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).

When fully implemented, the new methodology is intended to be budget neutral. For calendar year 2014, an additional \$64 million has been included into the development of the nursing services rates for the purposes of transitioning to the new rate methodology. The Department will also be filing an administrative rule to implement the change.

3. Name and address of person to contact concerning this information:

Bureau of Program and Reimbursement Analysis
Division of Medical Programs
Healthcare and Family Services
201 South Grand Avenue East
Springfield, IL 62763-0001
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Interested persons may review these proposed changes on the HFS Public Involvement Web page: <http://www2.illinois.gov/hfs/PublicInvolvement/>. Local access to the Internet is available through any local public library. In addition, this material may be viewed at the DHS local offices (except in Cook County). In Cook County, the changes may be reviewed at the Office of the Director, Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services, 401 South Clinton Street, Chicago, Illinois. The changes may be reviewed at all offices Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. This notice is being provided in accordance with federal requirements found at 42 *CFR* 447.205.