

**PROPOSED CHANGES IN METHODS AND STANDARDS  
FOR ESTABLISHING MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PAYMENT RATES**

**STATE OF ILLINOIS  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTHCARE AND FAMILY SERVICES**

The Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services (HFS) is proposing a change in the methods and standards of payment to providers. The proposed change is effective for dates of service April 1, 2019, and after.

[Public Act 100-0646](#) requires the Department to reimburse medically complex for developmentally disabled facilities an exceptional care per diem rate instead of the base rate for certain services to residents with complex or extensive medical needs. Exceptional care per diem rates must be paid for the following conditions or services at the specified per diem rates:

- Majority of caloric intake via a feeding tube - \$326
- Tracheostomy care without a ventilator - \$546
- Tracheostomy care with a ventilator - \$735

These proposed changes will increase expenditures by approximately \$30.7 million based on current utilization patterns for the providers enrolled as medically complex for developmentally disabled facilities.

Any interested party may submit questions or comments concerning these proposed changes in reimbursement methods and standards. All questions or comments must be submitted in writing within thirty (30) days of the publication date of this notice and addressed to:

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This notice may be viewed at the DHS local offices (except in Cook County). In Cook County, the notice may be reviewed at the Office of the Director, Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services, 401 South Clinton Street, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Chicago, Illinois. Comments received regarding this notice shall be published on the HFS web site at <http://www.illinois.gov/hfs/info/legal/PublicNotices/Pages/>.

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