

**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 for setting payment rates for providers of mental health services. The proposed change is effective for dates of service January 1, 2022 and after.

The proposed change provides for an increase in Medicaid reimbursement rates for mental health services. The rate in effect on December 31, 2021 will increase by 2% effective January 1, 2022 for all mental health services except for assertive community treatment (ACT) services. ACT service rates will be increased by 5% effective January 1, 2022.

This proposed change will result in an annual increase in Medicaid liability of \$8.7 million for services provided through fee-for-service or through managed care organizations. The proposed change is subject to approval by the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services and may be modified or revised during the approval process.

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 Cook County). In Cook County, the notice and clarification 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 <https://www.illinois.gov/hfs/info/legal/PublicNotices/Pages/default.aspx>

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