

**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 certified community mental health centers identified in Rule 132. The proposed change is effective for dates of service August 6, 2017, and after.

[Public Act 100-0023](#) requires the Division of Mental Health to develop an increased rate methodology for certified community mental health centers identified in Rule 132. The services subject to the increase include but are not limited to mental health assessment, psychological evaluations, medication management, psychotherapy, and counseling.

The reimbursement changes will apply to mental health rehabilitative services provided in or by a community mental health centers. These proposed changes will increase expenditures by approximately \$7 million based on current utilization patterns to the mental health rehabilitative services benefit category.

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 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 <http://www.illinois.gov/hfs/info/legal/PublicNotices/Pages/>.

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