

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

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

*This notification provides an update to a public notice published on [September 13, 2021](#) regarding services provided by veteran support specialists. The Department is revising the proposed effective date from October 1, 2021 to December 1, 2021. Details of these services are restated below.*

Pursuant to [PA 102-0043](#), the Department is proposing, effective December 1, 2021, to recognize veteran support specialists who are certified by, and in good standing with, the Illinois Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Professional Certification Association, Inc. as mental health professionals.

The Department estimates this change will have a minimal fiscal impact. 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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The 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, 1st 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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