

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

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

Date: June 29, 2026

The Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services (HFS) is proposing changes in the methods and standards for setting payment rates for providers of mental health services. The proposed changes are effective for dates of service July 1, 2026, and after.

Pursuant to [Public Act 104-0470](#), the Department proposes to update its reimbursement methodology for Assertive Community Treatment (ACT) and Community Support Team (CST) services. Existing access payments will be restructured and incorporated into the underlying Medicaid service rates, resulting in higher reimbursement rates for ACT and CST. The increased ACT and CST rates will be as follows:

Service	Staff Level	Unit	On-Site Rate	Off-Site Rate
Community Support Team	Multidisciplinary Team	15 min	\$55.86	\$59.02
Violence Prevention Community Support Team	Multidisciplinary Team	15 min	\$55.86	\$59.02
Assertive Community Treatment	Multidisciplinary Team	15 min	\$69.92	\$74.72

The Department estimates that transitioning access payments into increased reimbursement rates will be budget neutral. These proposed changes are 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. Comments received regarding this notice shall be published on the HFS web site at <https://hfs.illinois.gov/info/legal/publicnotices.html>. It is recommended to include the name of the public notice in the subject line. 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.

This notice is being provided in accordance with federal requirements found at 42 CFR 447.205.