

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

STATE OF ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTHCARE AND FAMILY SERVICES

Date: June 30, 2026

The Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services (HFS) is proposing a change in the methods and standards by which the Department will reimburse providers. The proposed change is effective for dates of service on or after July 1, 2026.

The Department is proposing to begin covering certain screening and diagnostic services, as well as targeted case management (TCM) for Medicaid-eligible juveniles who are inmates of a public institution within the 30-day period prior to release, in accordance with Section 5121 of the Consolidated Appropriations Act (CAA) of 2023. Additionally, juveniles will be eligible for TCM 30 days post-release under existing coverage.

Section 5121 of the Consolidated Appropriations Act (CAA) applies to post-adjudicated youth who are Medicaid eligible and incarcerated in any carceral facility in Illinois (e.g., local youth detention centers, county jails, state prisons).

The annual state fiscal impact is estimated to be \$80,000. 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. 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.