

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

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

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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 crisis services. The proposed changes are effective for dates of service October 1, 2026, and after.

The Department proposes to introduce Mobile Response and Stabilization Services (MRSS), a structured crisis intervention and support service that includes mobile crisis response and short-term stabilization activities. MRSS will be reimbursed under a bundled payment methodology, covering crisis-related services delivered on the day of crisis and three days of follow-up care. Providers who deliver intensive follow-up services will receive a higher reimbursement rate consistent with the table below:

Service	Rate
MRSS	\$858.26
MRSS – intensive follow-up	\$1,008.26

The Department anticipates the introduction of MRSS to be budget neutral. All components of MRSS are currently covered under existing mobile crisis and stabilization services, and the introduction of a bundled payment methodology consolidates these components into a single billing code rather than expanding the scope of reimbursable services.

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.