

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

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

Date: August 14, 2026

The Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services (HFS) is proposing changes in the methods and standards for setting payment rates for providers. The proposed changes are effective for dates of service January 1, 2027, and after.

Pursuant to [Public Act 104-0466](#), the Department of Human Services (DHS) and the Department of Healthcare and Family Services (HFS) are proposing to implement a rate increase for facilities licensed by the Department of Public Health under the ID/DD Community Care Act, as well as facilities licensed under the MC/DD Act, for services delivered on or after January 1, 2027. The rate increase shall consist of:

- A \$0.60 per hour wage increase for all direct support personnel and all other frontline personnel who are not subject to the Bureau of Labor Statistics' average wage increases, who work in residential and community day services settings.
- An increase sufficient to provide wages for all residential non-executive direct care staff, excluding aides, at the federal Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics' average wage.

These proposed changes will increase expenditures by approximately \$13.8 million annually. 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:

Bureau of Program and Policy Coordination
Division of Medical Programs
Healthcare and Family Services
201 South Grand Avenue East
Springfield, IL 62763-0001
E-mail address: HFS.BPPC@illinois.gov

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.