

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

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

Date: August 28, 2026

The Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services (HFS) is proposing changes in the methods and standards for calculating the Medicaid Inpatient Utilization Rate (MIUR). The proposed changes are effective for the MIUR calculations on or after October 1, 2026.

Pursuant to [Public Act 104-0470](#), HFS is proposing to remove certain government funded inpatient days of care from the MIUR calculation. HFS is also proposing to clarify data collection methodologies of certain government funded inpatient days of care for inclusion in the MIUR calculation.

These changes have an estimated Medicaid liability of \$450,000 annually for both fee for service and managed care models in Illinois. 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.