

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

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

Date: February 14, 2025

The Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services (HFS) is proposing changes in the methods and standards of payment to providers to be compliant with the statutory requirements in [Public Act 103-0720](#). The proposed change is effective for dates of service on or after February 15, 2025.

The Department is proposing the enrollment of non-licensed Certified Professional Midwives to provide maternity services under the category of preventive services. Covered services are limited to services provided by a licensed certified professional midwife pursuant to the [Licensed Certified Professional Midwife Practice Act](#) at a reduced rate of reimbursement. The proposed rate will be 80% of the licensed certified professional midwife's rate of reimbursement.

This proposed change is anticipated to be budget neutral. The proposed change is subject to approval by the federal Centers for Medicare & 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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Healthcare and Family Services
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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.