

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

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

Date: March 13, 2024

As an update to the Public Notice dated [December 4, 2023](#), 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 April 1, 2024.

The Department is proposing updating rates for provider types whose reimbursement rates are established by the Practitioner Fee Schedule. Practitioner rates are being adjusted from generally reimbursing at 60% of Medicare to 70% of Medicare, with a reimbursement ceiling set at 100% of Medicare for all services but behavioral health and non-cesarian obstetrical services. Reimbursement rates for mammography procedure codes (77065, 77066, 77067) will be set at 80% of the Medicare rate. Codes for anesthesia are not included in this rate update. Reimbursement rates for licensed clinical social workers, licensed clinical psychologists, licensed marriage and family therapists, and licensed clinical professional counselors will be adjusted accordingly consistent with current rate setting methodologies.

This proposed change will result in an annual increase in Medicaid liability of \$120.8 million for services provided through fee-for-service or through managed care organizations. 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 <http://www.illinois.gov/hfs/info/legal/PublicNotices/Pages/>. 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.