

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

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

This Notice provides clarification to the original [Public Notice](#) issued June 7, 2018, regarding a proposed change in the methods and standards of payment to hospital providers.

The Department plans to submit an administrative state plan update revising the language to accurately reflect the reimbursement for outpatient services provided at critical access hospitals to a 23% increase over reimbursement levels prior to 7/1/18, as intended and presented in financials for state plan amendment 18-0005. One-time supplemental payments will be issued to critical access hospitals to bring reimbursement to the intended levels for claims that were originally underpaid.

Any interested party may submit questions or comments concerning these proposed changes in reimbursement methods and standards. 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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This 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, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Chicago, Illinois. Comments received regarding this notice shall be published on the HFS web site at <http://www.illinois.gov/hfs/info/legal/PublicNotices/Pages/>.

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