

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

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

The Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services (HFS) is proposing changes in the methods and standards of payment to providers. The proposed changes become effective for dates of service as provided in the schedule below.

The Department of Human Services and the Department of Healthcare and Family Services are proposing to implement rate increases 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. The non-executive staff wage portion of each facility's rate will be increased by the hourly wage adjustment in the table below.

Following is a schedule of the effective dates of the rate increases, the associated increase in the hourly wage being implemented, and the annual expenditure amount associated with each increase:

<u>Effective Date</u>	<u>Hourly Wage Adjustment</u>	<u>Annual Expenditure Increase</u>
June 1, 2020	\$0.26 per hour	\$5.1 million
July 1, 2020	\$1.00 per hour	\$19.4 million
January 1, 2021	\$0.50 per hour	\$9.7 million

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, 1st 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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