

**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 a change in the inpatient and outpatient grouper versions. The proposed change is effective for dates of service July 1, 2019, and after.

Effective with inpatient discharge dates beginning July 1, 2019, the Department will utilize Grouper Version 36 of the 3M All Patient Refined Diagnosis Related Group (APR-DRG) payment system.

Effective with outpatient dates of service beginning July 1, 2019, the Department will utilize Grouper Version 3.13 of the Enhanced Ambulatory Patient Groups (EAPG) payment system.

The payments apply to the inpatient and outpatient benefit categories. These proposed changes are estimated to be budget neutral.

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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