

**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 methods and standards for setting payment rates for providers of mental health services. The proposed change is effective for dates of service July 1, 2019 and after.

[Public Act 101-0007](#) provides for an increase in the Medicaid and non-Medicaid reimbursement rates. The rate in effect on June 30, 2019 will increase by 2.5% effective July 1, 2019.

These proposed changes will increase expenditures by approximately \$2,125,000 based on current utilization patterns for mental health rehabilitative services provided by a community mental health provider.

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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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, 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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