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Bureau of Program and Policy Coordination
Division of Medical Programs
Healthcare and Family Services
201 South Grand Avenue East
Springfield, IL 62763-0001

Subject: Proposed Changes for Medical Assistance Payments -Dental Anesthesia

To Whom It May Concern:

The Illinois State Dental Society (ISDS), representing over 6,000 Illinois dentists, hereby submits the following formal comments to the Department's proposed changes for the following:

- Rates for sedation evaluation and the provision of deep sedation and intravenous sedation for the purposes of dental services to be increased by 33% above the rates in effect for December 31, 2024.

ISDS appreciates the ability to comment on the dental anesthesia rate increases. ISDS writes this letter in support of the proposed changes. ISDS would like to thank the Department for moving forward with the proposed changes following the enactment of Public Act 103-0593. ISDS has advocated, along with other stakeholders, this past legislative session for increased reimbursement for dental anesthesia services.

ISDS thanks you for the opportunity to comment on this proposal, and we look forward to continuing to work with the Department to implement the rate increase. If any additional information is necessary, please do not hesitate to contact me via email at lwagahoff@isds.org or via telephone at 217-525-1406.

Sincerely,

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