

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), Department on Aging (DoA) and the Department of Human Services – Division of Rehabilitation Services (DRS), are proposing a change in the methods and standards by which the Department(s) will reimburse Care Coordination Units (CCU). The proposed change is effective for dates of service on or after February 1, 2017, and is addressed below.

As an ongoing effort to ensure individuals that require nursing facility care or community-based care receive proper pre-screening and post screening to determine eligibility and to ensure individuals are made aware of all of their options for care, the Department of Healthcare and Family Services, the Department on Aging and the Department of Human Services – Division of Rehabilitation Services, are proposing to increase the reimbursement rate for completion of pre and post screens that occur over the weekend between 5:00 p.m. on Fridays and 7:00 a.m. on Mondays.

The proposed reimbursement rate for Care Coordination Unit services will be at 175% of the current assessment rate for screenings that are completed during the work week. The reimbursement changes will apply to services personally rendered by a DoA certified care coordinators. These proposed changes will increase expenditures at DoA and DRS by approximately \$3.0 million annually based on current utilization patterns.

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 and clarification 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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