PRO POSED 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 is proposing a change in the methods and standards by which the Department will reimburse providers. The proposed change is effective for dates of service on or after April 1, 2023.

Pursuant to PA 102-1037, the Department is proposing to provide for the legally authorized services of persons licensed under the Acupuncture Practice Act as an acupuncturist. Reimbursement for services is limited to procedures related to lower back pain and breech baby treatment. Reimbursement rates will be established at 60% of the Medicare rate.

The Department estimates this change will increase expenditures by $5 million services provided through fee-for-service or through managed care organizations. The proposed change is subject to approval by the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services and may be modified or revised during the approval process.

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, 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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