PROPOSED CHANGES IN METHODS AND STANDARDS FOR ESTABLISHING MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PAYMENT RATES

STATE OF ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES DIVISION OF SUBSTANCE USE PREVENTION AND RECOVERY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTHCARE AND FAMILY SERVICES

The Illinois Department of Human Services, Division of Substance Use Prevention and Recovery (IDHS/SUPR), and the Department of Healthcare and Family Services (HFS) are proposing a change in the methods and standards by which IDHS/SUPR and HFS will reimburse providers. The proposed change is effective for dates of service on or after September 1, 2020 and is addressed below.

IDHS/SUPR and HFS are proposing to implement a revised methodology and per diem rates for certain substance use disorder (SUD) treatment services including, residential rehabilitation (ASAM level of care 3.5); and withdrawal management (ASAM levels of care 3.2 and 3.7). The proposed methodology and per diem rates will be established in conformance with 77 Ill. Adm. Code 2090.40 and 2090.70 through an aggregate cost modeling approach that establishes baseline cost survey rates. Adjustments will be made to baseline cost survey rates to account for policy and fiscal objectives.

As a result of implementing the revised methodology, IDHS/SUPR and HFS anticipate improvements in rate equity and consistency across and among providers. The proposed methodology eliminates provider-specific per diem rates in lieu of statewide per diem rates that are applicable to all providers for a given service and level of care.

The proposed change will result in a fiscal impact increasing annual expenditures for fiscal year 2021, based on a 9/1/2020 implementation date, is estimated to be \$4.3 million (\$5.2 million annualized) to DHS and \$18.3 million (\$22.1 million annualized) to HFS.

Any interested party may submit questions or comments concerning these proposed changes in 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 HFS 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, 1stFloor, 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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