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

STATE OF ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTHCARE AND FAMILY SERVICES

Pursuant to <u>PA 102-0682</u>, 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 December 10, 2021.

The Department is proposing to make adjustment payments to a hospital that reopens a previously closed hospital facility within 3 calendar years of the hospital facility's closure, if the previously closed hospital facility qualified for certain inpatient adjustment payments at the time of closure, until utilization data for the new facility is available for the Medicaid inpatient utilization rate calculation.

The Department estimates this change will increase expenditures by \$4.9 million annually. 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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