

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

**STATE OF ILLINOIS
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTHCARE AND FAMILY SERVICES**

Date: June 18, 2025

The Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services (HFS) is proposing changes in the methods and standards of payment to providers. The proposed changes become effective for dates of service on or after July 1, 2025.

The Department is proposing to increase the services provided by practitioners at state owned medical schools that are eligible for enhanced rates at their Average Commercial Rate. The following are the increases in services:

- Inclusion of additional state-owned medical schools with affiliated hospitals in Illinois.
- Inclusion of affiliated providers in addition to employed providers.
- Inclusion of services provided by licensed practitioners other than physicians.

This proposed change will result in an estimated annual increase in Medicaid liability of \$85 million for 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. Comments received regarding this notice shall be published on the HFS web site at <https://hfs.illinois.gov/info/legal/publicnotices.html>. It is recommended to include the name of the public notice in the subject line. All questions or comments must be submitted in writing within thirty (30) days of the publication date of this notice and addressed to:

Bureau of Program and Policy Coordination
Division of Medical Programs
Healthcare and Family Services
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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.

This notice is being provided in accordance with federal requirements found at 42 CFR 447.205