

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

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

Date: September 25, 2024

The Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services (HFS) 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 services provided through fee-for-service or through managed care organizations on or after January 1, 2025.

Pursuant to [PA 103-0593](#), the Department is proposing the following rate increases and additional services:

- Rates for sedation evaluation and the provision of deep sedation and intravenous sedation for the purpose of dental services shall be increased by 33% above the rates in effect on December 31, 2024. Annual fiscal impact is estimated at \$3.6 million.
- Psychiatric add-on rates for services delivered by physicians who are board-certified in psychiatry and advanced practice registered nurses who hold a current certification in psychiatric and mental health nursing are being increased for a total estimated annual fiscal impact of \$11 million.
- The facility fee paid to birthing centers for the birthing person and baby is being increased to 80% of the statewide average facility payment rate made to a hospital for an uncomplicated vaginal birth, including medications, laboratory tests, and supplies provided. Annual fiscal impact is estimated at \$21,000.
- Rates for optometric and optical services for determining refractive state, fitting of spectacles, and fitting of bifocal spectacles shall be increased by 35% above the rates in effect on January 1, 2024. Annual fiscal impact is estimated at \$5.34 million.
- Rates for in-home shift nursing services under the EPSDT benefit shall be 7% higher than the reimbursement rates in effect for nursing services on December 31, 2024. Annual fiscal impact is estimated at \$1.7 million.
- Custom prosthetic and orthotic devices rates shall be increased by 7% of the rate in effect on December 31, 2024. Annual fiscal impact is estimated at \$347,000.
- Patient education and training services on the set-up and use of a self-measure blood pressure measurement device validated for clinical accuracy and device calibration shall be covered as well as separate self-measurement readings and the collection of data reports by the patient or caregiver to the health care provider in order to communicate blood pressure readings and create or modify treatment plans. Annual fiscal impact is estimated at \$331, 000.

The proposed change is subject to approval by the federal Centers for Medicare & 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:

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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