

**PROPOSED 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 (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 on or after August 1, 2022 and is addressed below.

Pursuant to [PA 102-0103](#), the Department is proposing to provide coverage for patient care services provided by a pharmacist which includes the assessment and consultation of patients for the dispensing of hormonal contraceptives.

The proposed reimbursement rate for assessment and counseling services will be at 85% of the physician rate. These proposed changes will increase expenditures by approximately \$2.1 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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This notice may be viewed at the DHS 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, 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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