

**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 January 1, 2024.

The Department is proposing the following changes in practitioner and durable medical equipment (DME) reimbursement:

The Department is proposing introducing \$97.7M in rate increases for provider types paid from the practitioner fee schedule. Practitioner rates are being adjusted from generally reimbursing at 60% of Medicare to 72% of Medicare for most services, including office visits, with a reimbursement ceiling set at 80% of Medicare for all services but behavioral health and non-cesarian obstetrical services. Reimbursement rates for licensed clinical social workers, licensed clinical psychologists, licensed marriage and family therapists, and licensed clinical professional counselors will be adjusted accordingly consistent with current rate setting methodologies.

The Department is proposing to introduce \$5.4M in rate increases for select durable medical equipment procedure codes.

The Department is also proposing a \$5M incentive bonus pool for practitioners that provide certain services within local areas of the state with high concentrations of Medicaid eligible residents.

The totality of these proposed changes in reimbursement are estimated to produce a net increase in provider reimbursement of \$108.1 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. 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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