

**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 hospital providers. The proposed changes are in accordance with [Public Act 103-0102](#) and are effective for dates of service on or after January 1, 2024. These changes will be applicable to fee for service payments as well as included in actuarially sound rates.

HFS is adding language to allow for:

- a ten percent increase to inpatient and outpatient rates,
- an increase in payment and eligibility for the safety net add-on payment,
- an increase to inpatient psychiatric rates,
- an increase to hospital-residing long term care days, and
- decreases to outpatient fee for service supplemental payments and increases to outpatient directed payments.

The proposed changes are expected increase expenditures to inpatient hospital services by \$353 million annually and outpatient services by \$193 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 Department of Human Services 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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