## 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 July 1, 2018 and is addressed below.

As an ongoing effort to provide access to care and quality services, the Department is proposing reimbursement of Integrated Assessment and Treatment Planning services. Providers will receive reimbursement for utilizing a standardized assessment and service planning tool to assess the needs, strengths and level of care a participant may need.

The proposed reimbursement rate will be within the range of \$19.31 to \$20.90 per 15 minute increment. The reimbursement changes will apply to mental health rehabilitative services provided by Department approved providers. These proposed changes will increase expenditures by approximately \$23.5 million based on current utilization patterns.

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:

Bureau of Program and Policy Coordination Division of Medical Programs Healthcare and Family Services 201 South Grand Avenue East Springfield, IL 62763-0001 E-mail address: <u>HFS.bpra@illinois.gov</u>

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, 1<sup>st</sup> 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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