

**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, 2018 through June 30, 2018 and is addressed below.

The Department is proposing to extend enhanced payments, originally scheduled to sunset on June 30, 2017, and extended through December 31, 2017, for psychiatric and behavioral health services rendered by a physician, advanced practice nurse or a licensed community mental health center. The public notices addressing the enhanced payments, can be found on the Department's [Public Notice webpage](#).

The payments apply to mental health rehabilitative services provided in or by a community mental health centers as well as the physician benefit categories. The extension will increase expenditures by approximately \$13,750,000 based on current utilization patterns. \$12,825,000 applies to the mental health rehabilitative services benefit category and \$675,000 applies to the physician benefit category.

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.

The 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/>.

This notice is being provided in accordance with federal requirements found at 42 *CFR* 447.205.