

**PROPOSED CHANGES IN METHODS AND STANDARDS
FOR ESTABLISHING MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PAYMENT RATES**

**STATE OF ILLINOIS
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTHCARE AND FAMILY SERVICES
CLARIFICATION**

This Notice provides clarification to the original Public Notice issued August 25, 2017, to include facilities licensed under the MC/DD Act.

The Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services (HFS) is proposing a change in the methods and standards of payment to providers. The proposed change is effective for dates of service August 1, 2017, and after.

[Public Act 100-0023](#) requires the Department of Human Services to include in its rates an increase sufficient to provide a \$0.75 per hour wage increase for non-executive staff working in facilities licensed by the Department of Public Health under the ID/DD Community Care Act as well as facilities licensed under the MC/DD Act. This change will result in a 4.8% rate increase for these facilities.

These proposed changes will increase expenditures by approximately \$15.9 million based on current utilization patterns to the long term care services benefit category.

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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Division of Medical Programs
Healthcare and Family Services
201 South Grand Avenue East
Springfield, IL 62763-0001
E-mail address: HFS.bpra@illinois.gov

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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