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 January 1, 2023, and after.

Pursuant to <u>PA 102-1037</u>, the Department of Healthcare and Family Services will increase both the base rate and the attendant's rate for Medicar providers, as well as increase the base rate for service car providers. The increase applies to non-emergency transportation services.

These proposed changes will increase expenditures by approximately \$20 million annually 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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Division of Medical Programs
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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, 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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