

**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, 2024.

Pursuant to [Public Act 103-0102](#), the Department is proposing to increase reimbursement rates for in-home shift nursing services under the EPSDT benefit. This increase shall be 20% higher than the reimbursement rates in effect for nursing services on December 31, 2023. Proposed increases are as follows:

- Registered nurse services increase from \$45.00 to \$54.00.
- Licensed practical nurse services increase \$37.50 to \$45.00.
- Certified Nurse's Aide services increase from \$25.00 to \$30.00.

The Department estimates this change will increase expenditures \$23.5 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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The notice may be viewed at the DHS local offices (except in Cook County). In Cook County, the notice 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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