PROPOSED CHANGES IN METHODS AND STANDARDS FOR ESTABLISHING MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PAYMENT RATES STATE OF ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTHCARE AND FAMILY SERVICES

Pursuant to <u>PA 101-0574</u>, the Department is proposing, effective July 1, 2022, to provide for the reimbursement of psychiatric collaborative care model (CoCM) services delivered by qualified teams of healthcare professionals working under the direction of a physician or advanced practice nurse.

The reimbursement changes will apply to services rendered by CoCM teams organized by a physician, advanced practice nurse, Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHCs), Rural Health Clinic (RHCs), Encounter Rate Clinic (ERC), local health department, or School-Based Health Clinic. The proposed reimbursement rate for CoCM services will be at 75% of the Medicare practitioner rate for equivalent practitioner procedure codes. Reimbursement for FQHCs, RHCs, and ERCs will be separate from any encounter payments the provider receives.

These proposed changes will increase expenditures by approximately \$1.2 - \$1.7 million annually 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:

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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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