

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

**STATE OF ILLINOIS
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
DIVISION OF SUBSTANCE USE PREVENTION AND RECOVERY
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTHCARE AND FAMILY SERVICES**

The Department of Healthcare and Family Services (HFS) proposes to modify the Illinois State Plan to recognize a new mandatory benefit effective for dates of service on or after October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2025.

The Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services is requiring state Medicaid programs to provide coverage of Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) services and drugs under a new mandatory benefit. The purpose of the new mandatory MAT benefit is to increase access to evidenced-based treatment for Substance Use Disorder (SUD) for all Medicaid beneficiaries.

Because HFS and the Illinois Department of Human Services/Division of Substance Use Prevention and Recovery (IDHS/SUPR) currently cover drugs and therapy used for medication assisted treatment, the fiscal impact will be minimal.

Any interested party may submit questions or comments concerning these proposed changes in 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 HFS 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, 1stFloor, 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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