

**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 April 1, 2020 and is addressed below.

As an ongoing effort to provide access to care and quality services, the Department is proposing to begin coverage for Integrated Health Home Services (one for children and one for adults). The Integrated Health Home is a care coordination model which would create a comprehensive system of care coordination services for Medicaid individuals with chronic conditions. Health homes will integrate and coordinate all services for physical health, behavioral health and social care needs. The coordination of a member's care is done through a dedicated care coordinator who oversees and coordinates access to all the services a member requires. The professionals and others involved in a member's care will communicate with one another so that the member's medical, behavioral health and social service needs are addressed in a comprehensive manner.

The reimbursement for Integrated Health Home services will be paid to the State's Medicaid Managed Care organizations by a State-determined capitation fee for qualified care coordination services. These proposed changes will increase expenditures by approximately \$390 million 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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The Department will also hold several town hall style meetings in the upcoming months to discuss this enhancement in care.

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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