

**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 for setting payment rates for Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs). The proposed change is effective for dates of service on and after January 1, 2021 and is addressed below.

Effective January 1, 2021, and in subsequent years, based on specific appropriation, the Prospective Payment System rates for FQHCs shall be increased by a uniform percentage calculated to spend the specific appropriation of \$25 million in state fiscal year 2021. This will provide rate increases to the medical, dental, and behavioral health encounter rates.

This proposed change will result in an annual increase in Medicaid liability of approximately \$50 million.

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 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

<https://www.illinois.gov/hfs/info/legal/PublicNotices/Pages/default.aspx>

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