

**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 changes in the methods and standards by which the Department will reimburse large public hospitals. The proposed changes addressed below are effective for dates of service on or after July 1, 2018. These changes will be applicable to fee for service payments, as well as included in actuarially sound rates.

- Current inpatient and outpatient cost-based rate calculation methodology for large public hospitals will be updated to remove the cost of direct and indirect graduate medical education (GME) from the cost-based rates.
- New monthly payments will be made to the large public hospitals in the amount of 1/12 the cost of the GME.

As the removal of the GME cost from the inpatient and outpatient rates is replaced with the new monthly GME payments, there is no fiscal impact associated with these changes.

The proposed changes are 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 and clarification may be reviewed at the Office of the Director, Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services, 401 South Clinton Street, 1<sup>st</sup> 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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