

**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 of payment to providers. The proposed change is effective for dates of service September 1, 2020, and after.

This notice informs Intermediate Care Facilities for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities (ICF/IID), and Medically Complex for the Developmentally Disabled Facilities (MC/DD) that the temporary 20% rate increase implemented to address additional facility expenses associated with the COVID-19 pandemic will no longer be effective for services beginning September 1, 2020. In addition, effective September 1, 2020, ICF/IIDs and MC/DDs should discontinue billing for Day Services when the resident did not attend in the month of service.

The rate increase and day service billing policy were implemented in response to the closing of the Community Day Service programs and the resulting increased need by ICF/IID and MC/DD providers to provide 24 hour support for the individuals they serve. Effective September 1, 2020, Day Service providers will be allowed to reopen and provide services.

These proposed changes will decrease expenditures by approximately \$4.9 million per month.

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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