

ILLINOIS REGISTER

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTHCARE AND FAMILY SERVICES

NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION

1. Statute requiring agency to publish information concerning proposed changes in methods and standards for establishing medical assistance payment rates for hospital services in the Illinois Register: 5 ILCS 100/5-70(c)
2. Summary of information: The Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services wishes to provide public notice regarding proposed changes to payments as they apply to 89 Ill. Adm. Code 148.440 through 148.456. The annual amount of each payment for which a hospital qualifies shall be made in twelve installments on or before the 7th State business day of the month.

This change will provide the Department with the flexibility necessary to address hospital cash flow issues without adversely affecting fund balances. This proposal is not projected to incur any new State costs.

3. Name and address of person to contact concerning this information:

Bureau of Program and Reimbursement Analysis
Division of Medical Programs
Healthcare and Family Services
201 South Grand Avenue East
Springfield, IL 62763-0001
E-mail address: bpra@illinois.gov

Interested persons may review these proposed changes on the Internet at <http://www2.illinois.gov/hfs/PublicInvolvement/> Local access to the Internet is available through any local public library. In addition, this material may be viewed at the DHS local offices (except in Cook County). In Cook County, the changes may be reviewed at the Office of the Director, Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services, 401 South Clinton Street, Chicago, Illinois. The changes may be reviewed at all offices Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. This notice is being provided in accordance with federal requirements found at 42 *CFR* 447.205.