

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 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 January 1, 2021.

The Department is proposing to change the date inpatient and outpatient hospital rates become effective for large public hospitals to coincide with the calendar year. Hospital rates are currently based on the state fiscal year. In addition, the time period by which the base year data is used to set hospital rates is being aligned with the hospitals' fiscal year. The base year data is limited to the hospitals' fiscal year ending no more than three years prior to the calendar year the rate is effective.

The Department estimates this change will have no impact on expenditures. 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 notice may be viewed at the DHS local offices (except in Cook County). In Cook County, the notice 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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