

**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 by which the Department will reimburse providers. The proposed change is effective for dates of service on or after July 1, 2018 and is addressed below.

As an ongoing effort to provide access to care and quality services, the Department is proposing reimbursement of Mobile Crisis Response and Crisis Stabilizer services. Providers will receive reimbursement for performing Mobile Crisis Response services to provide crisis symptom reduction and stabilization for children and adults presenting in crisis. Additionally, providers will receive reimbursement for performing Crisis Stabilizer services immediately following a Mobile Crisis Response event through the provision of time-limited, direct supports on a one-on-one basis to clients in the home or community setting.

Mobile Crisis Response shall be reimbursed at a rate of \$133 on average per event. Crisis Stabilizers shall be reimbursed at a rate of \$50 per hour. The reimbursement changes will apply to mental health rehabilitative services provided by Department approved providers. These proposed changes will increase expenditures by approximately \$74.1 million based on current utilization patterns.

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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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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