

**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) proposes several changes in the methods and standards by which the Department will reimburse providers. The proposed changes are effective for dates of service on or after July 1, 2015 and are addressed below.

- Public Act 98-0674 provided for an increase of the personal needs allowance to \$60 per month for persons residing in an Intermediate Care Facility for Individuals with Developmental Disabilities (ICF/IDD) licensed under the ID/DD Community Care Act or for persons residing in a Community Integrated Living Arrangement (CILA) for State Fiscal Year 2015. For dates of service July 1, 2015, and after, the personal needs allowance will return to the rates in effect on August 31, 2014. The savings is estimated at \$3.2 million.
- Medicaid Facilitation and Utilization payments paid for inpatient services to Illinois hospitals that meet specific requirements will be eliminated. The savings is estimated at \$8 million.
- The \$60 per treatment day add-on payment to hospitals and freestanding chronic dialysis centers for outpatient renal dialysis treatments or home dialysis treatments will be eliminated. The savings is estimated at \$15 million.

Any interested party may submit comments, data, views, or arguments concerning these proposed changes in reimbursement methods and standards. All comments must be in writing and should be addressed to:

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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.