

**PROPOSED CHANGES IN METHODS AND STANDARDS
FOR ESTABLISHING MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PAYMENT RATES**

**STATE OF ILLINOIS
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTHCARE AND FAMILY SERVICES**

1. Statute requiring agency to publish information concerning proposed changes in methods and standards for establishing medical assistance payment rates for medical services in the Illinois Register: 5 ILCS 100/5-70(c)

2. Summary of information: The Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services plans to submit a state plan amendment that would allow providers who render services to Qualified Medicare Beneficiaries (QMBs) enrolled in Medicare Advantage Plans to bill the Department for co-insurance and deductibles. This change is being made to alleviate the administrative burden for the managed care plans.

This change will apply to services rendered to Medicaid enrollees, including members of the Affordable Care Act Adult Eligibility group receiving coverage through the Alternative Benefit Plan. This change does not affect access to early and periodic screening, diagnostic, and treatment services for any enrollee receiving either the Alternative Benefit Plan or standard state plan services.

It is estimated this change will be budget neutral.

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

Bureau of Program and Policy Coordination
Division of Medical Programs
Healthcare and Family Services
201 South Grand Avenue East
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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.