

**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 October 7, 2016 and is addressed below.

89 Ill. Adm. Code 144.102 provides qualifying criteria and methodology for rates for developmentally disabled clients that have high medical/high personal care needs. The proposed rulemaking amends the rate computation methodology of the Adjustment Factor to provide increased rates to facilities who are serving high populations of clients with high medical/high personal care needs. The amendment facilitates continued care and services to the most vulnerable developmentally disabled clients being cared for in facilities whose populations are comprised predominantly of clients with high medical/high personal care needs.

The effect of this rule change to actual rates will vary as they are predicated on variable components that will be different at each facility. The total estimated cost increase is approximately \$11.2 million.

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 may be reviewed at the Office of the Director, Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services, 401 South Clinton Street, 1st Floor, Chicago, Illinois. The notice 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.

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