

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTHCARE AND FAMILY SERVICES

NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION

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: In accordance with Section 4701 of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act [P.L. 111-148], the Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services is proposing to provide coverage of comprehensive tobacco cessation services for pregnant women, including both counseling and pharmacotherapy, for cessation of tobacco use by pregnant women effective January 1, 2014.

Annual cost is estimated at \$2.8 million to provide tobacco cessation counseling for pregnant women. Although an additional cost to the Department, it is highly likely cost will be recouped in savings attributed to fewer premature births, lower birth weights, birth defects, and less costly healthcare in the future for the non-smoking mother.

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

Bureau of Program and Reimbursement Analysis
Division of Medical Programs
Healthcare and Family Services
201 South Grand Avenue East
Springfield, IL 62763-0001
E-mail address: HFS.bpra@illinois.gov

Interested persons may review these proposed changes on the HFS Public Involvement Web page: <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.