

**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 is proposing a change 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, 2022.

The proposed changes are an increase to the inpatient per diem rate for Illinois Children's Specialty Hospitals and the continuation of a psychiatric add-on for certain freestanding psychiatric hospitals. Under this proposal, all out-of-state cost reporting hospitals designated as Children's Specialty Hospitals must be paid a base per diem rate for inpatient general acute services and rehabilitation services no less than \$1,821.03 per day. Freestanding psychiatric hospitals that qualify for the psychiatric add-on will be paid \$48.25 per day.

The Department estimates this change will increase expenditures by approximately \$6,500,000 annually. 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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The 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. 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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