

**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 (HFS) proposes changes to methods and standards for establishing payment methodologies for certain Illinois Medical Assistance Program services, pursuant to [Public Act 99-0002](#).

Effective May 1, 2015 through June 30, 2015, providers of certain services shall have their reimbursement rates reduced by 16.75 percent. Dispensing fees for both single and multiple source drugs shall be reduced by \$1.00. Services exempt from the rate reductions include hospital and mental health services, services mandated by a court order and services prohibited from a reduction under federal laws and regulations.

The reduction to reimbursement rates or dispensing fees 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. The rate reductions do 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.

The changes would result in an estimated \$106 million in savings and are effective for services provided on or after May 1, 2015 through June 30, 2015.

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

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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.

