

**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 for setting payment rates for occupational therapy services. The proposed change is effective for dates of service March 1, 2022 and after.

The proposed change provides for an increase in the Medicaid reimbursement rate. The reimbursement rate will increase effective March 1, 2022 as follows:

Occupational Therapy Evaluation Low Complexity	97165 GO	\$64.77
Occupational Therapy Evaluation Moderate Complexity	97166 GO	\$68.74
Occupational Therapy Evaluation High Complexity	97167 GO	\$71.01

This proposed change will result in an annual increase in Medicaid liability of \$161,086 for services provided through fee-for-service or through managed care organizations. 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 Cook County). In Cook County, the notice and clarification 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 <https://www.illinois.gov/hfs/info/legal/PublicNotices/Pages/default.aspx>

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