The Department of Healthcare and Family Services (HFS) has issued several notices that may impact hospitals. Below are the titles of the notices (with direct links). Also included are memos that IHA has sent to members concerning some of these notices.

December 6, 2019 – Illinois Medicare-Medicaid Alignment Initiative Statewide Expansion Effective January 1, 2021


December 19, 2019 – January 1, 2020 Requirements for Ordering/Referring/Prescribing Provider Enrollment and Managed Care Plan Adoption of HFS Preferred Drug List. PFS participating hospitals may refer to PFS Memorandum 19-18 for more details.

January 3, 2020 – Gender-affirming Services

January 7, 2020 – Psychiatric Add-on Payments Retroactive to Dates of Service Beginning July 1, 2019. See IHA’s memo for more details.

January 8, 2020 – Managed Care Organization Grandfathering Clause for Certain Drugs

January 8, 2020 – Special Needs Children Continuity of Care Beyond Transition to Managed Care February 1, 2020. PFS participating hospitals may refer to PFS Memorandum 19-19 for more details.

January 9, 2020 – Gender-affirming Services

January 10, 2020 – New Utilization Review Process for Medical Assistance No Grant (MANG) Pended Patients

January 10, 2020 – Utilization Review Update

January 21, 2020 – Request for Primary Agency Security Administrator Approval

January 22, 2020 – Clarification Regarding Mobile Crisis Response (MCR) Procedure Code S9484 Claim Adjustments
January 24, 2020 – Public Notice Integrated Health Homes

January 24, 2020 – Integrated Health Homes Town Hall Meetings

January 24, 2020 – The Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services has posted two new additions to the 1115 Demonstration Waiver Home Page, Pending Application and Invitation to Provide Public Comment – Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). You may view the new links at the following page by clicking here.

January 28, 2020 – Retroactive Enrollment Date to be Discontinued

February 13, 2020 – Date Change for Hospitals to Receive Directed Payments from the MCOs and Verification of Bank Information. See IHA’s memo (password required) for more details.

February 14, 2020 – Client Eligibility for Temporary Medical Cards


February 26, 2020 – Opioid Treatment Programs Medicare Coverage Effective January 1, 2020