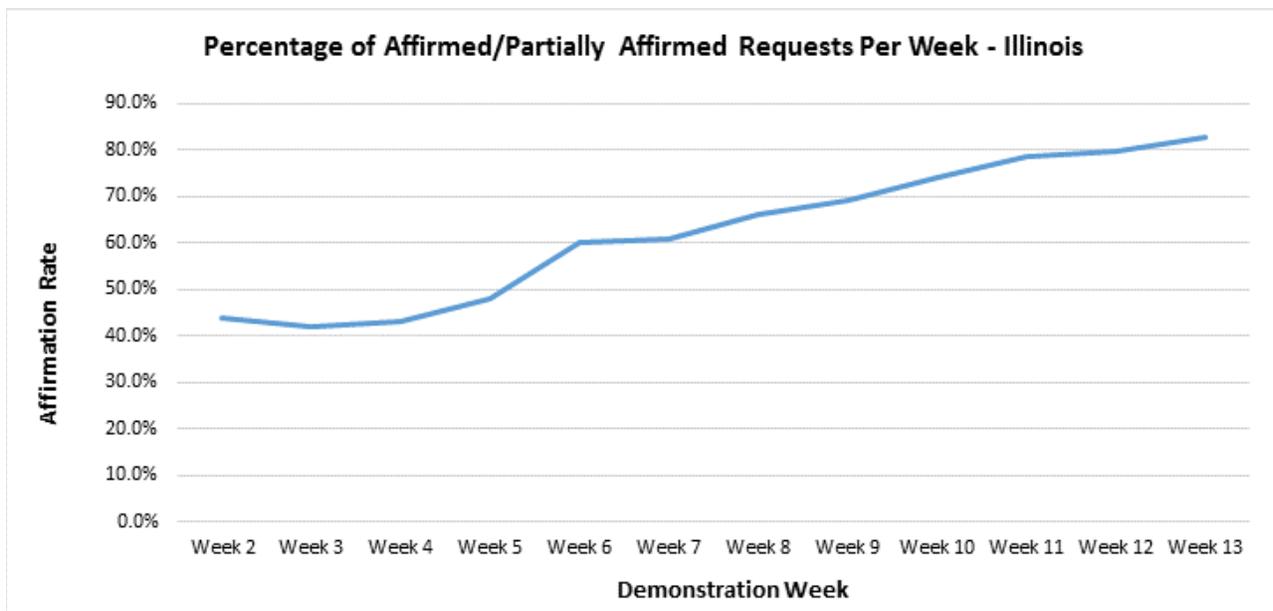


Percentage of Affirmed/Partially Affirmed Pre-Claim Review Requests in Illinois (Week Thirteen Affirm Rate in Illinois)

Updated: November 4, 2016

As of week 13, the majority (83 percent) of pre-claim review requests, received a provisionally affirmed or partially affirmed decision. This is an increase from week 11 where 78 percent received an affirmed or partially affirmed decision and week 8 where the rate was 66 percent. Pre-claim review requests may include one or more home health services. A partially affirmed decision indicates at least one service was provisionally affirmed.



Between August 3 and October 31, 2016, CMS received 23,061 pre-claim review requests from Illinois Home Health Agencies (HHAs). In the same period of time, CMS received approximately 80,961 requests for anticipated payment (RAPs).¹ For each RAP, a claim submission is eventually expected. Providers have until they submit a final claim to submit pre-claim review requests. Claims can be submitted well after the date of service. Therefore, it is possible that requests associated with many of these RAPs will be submitted through the pre-claim review process.

If HHAs choose not to take advantage of the pre-claim review process, when the final claim is submitted, it will be subjected to pre-payment review. Unlike during pre-claim review, claims that are found to be incorrect and missing required documentation during the pre-payment review process cannot be corrected. Such claims would be denied, and the HHA would need to appeal the claim to seek further review. Beginning November 3, 2016, claims submitted for payment without a pre-claim review decision will be subject to a 25 percent payment reduction if found to be payable.

¹ A RAP is a split percentage payment approach to ensure adequate cash flow to HHAs. The split percentage occurs through the RAP at the start of the episode and the final claim at the end of the episode. For initial episodes, there will be a 60/40 split percentage payment. See <https://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Manuals/Downloads/bp102c07.pdf> for more information.