



**93RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY**  
**State of Illinois**  
**2003 and 2004**

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**SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:**

305 ILCS 5/5-5.12b new

Amends the Illinois Public Aid Code. With respect to the Medicaid program, directs the Department of Public Aid to establish a Prescription Drug Therapeutics Committee to review and either approve or reject the Department's prescription drug policies and management practices.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT  
MAY APPLY

1 AN ACT concerning public aid.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**  
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Illinois Public Aid Code is amended by  
5 adding Section 5-5.12b as follows:

6 (305 ILCS 5/5-5.12b new)

7 Sec. 5-5.12b. Prescription Drug Therapeutics Committee.

8 (a) The Department of Public Aid shall establish a  
9 Prescription Drug Therapeutics Committee ("the Committee") to  
10 review and either approve or reject the Department's  
11 prescription drug policies and management practices.

12 (b) The Committee shall be composed of the following 11  
13 members:

14 (1) Five physicians licensed to practice medicine in  
15 all of its branches in Illinois, including the following:

16 (A) one physician with expertise in the area of  
17 family practice;

18 (B) one physician with expertise in the area of  
19 pediatrics;

20 (C) one physician with expertise in the area of  
21 geriatrics;

22 (D) one physician with expertise in the area of  
23 psychiatric medicine; and

24 (E) one physician with expertise in the area of  
25 internal medicine and who specializes in the treatment  
26 of diabetes.

27 At least 3 of the physicians must have at least 3 years  
28 of recent experience in prescription drug formulary  
29 management, including therapeutic category review.

30 (2) Two pharmacists who are licensed to practice  
31 pharmacy in the State of Illinois and who have a doctor of  
32 pharmacy degree or equivalent degree.

1           (3) Two representatives of medical assistance  
2           recipients who advocate on behalf of recipients for  
3           improved services.

4           (4) Two medical assistance recipients who have had  
5           experience with prescription drug policies of the Illinois  
6           Department of Public Aid.

7           Committee members shall be appointed for terms of 3 years.

8           A member may be reappointed to the Committee upon completion of  
9           the member's term.

10           The Committee members shall select a chair of the Committee  
11           from among the members.

12           (c) A member of the Committee may not be employed by or  
13           contract with the State of Illinois, a pharmaceutical  
14           manufacturer or labeler, or a pharmacy benefits management  
15           organization. A member of the Committee may, however, contract  
16           with the State under a medical assistance provider agreement  
17           for the sole purpose of delivering services to medical  
18           assistance recipients.

19           (d) The Committee shall meet at least quarterly and shall  
20           also meet on the call of the chair of the Committee. A quorum  
21           of the committee consists of 7 members. The affirmative votes  
22           of a majority of a quorum of the Committee are required for the  
23           Committee to take action on any measure.

24           (e) The Department of Public Aid shall reimburse Committee  
25           members for their reasonable expenses actually incurred in  
26           performing their duties and shall provide staff support to the  
27           Committee at the request of the Committee chair.

28           (f) A meeting of the Committee is a meeting of a public  
29           body for purposes of the Open Meetings Act.

30           (g) The Department of Public Aid shall adopt rules to  
31           implement this Section.