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AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 155

AMENDMENT NO. ____. Amend Senate Bill 155 on page 1, line 5, by replacing "Section 7" with "Sections 7 and 8"; and on page 3, immediately below line 15, by inserting the following:

6 "(30 ILCS 540/8 new)

Sec. 8. Priority of payment.

(a) Definition. As used in this Section, "qualified 8 provider means a not-for-profit organization that provides 9 non-residential services for the mentally ill or 10 developmentally disabled and is reimbursed or otherwise paid 11 for providing those services by the Illinois Department of 12 Human Services. A "qualified provider" does not include a 13 hospital licensed under the Hospital Licensing Act, a 14 long-term care facility licensed under the Nursing Home Care 15 Act only with respect to services provided in the licensed 16 facility to residents, or a local governmental unit or 17 university. A "qualified provider" also includes an entity 18 licensed under the Community-Integrated Living Arrangements 19 20 Licensure and Certification Act, but only with respect to the services provided for a community-integrated living 21 2.2 arrangement. The Department of Human Services shall make the

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1 <u>determination of who is a "qualified provider".</u>

2 (b) Processing by official or agency. Except as provided in subsection (d), a bill or invoice for goods or services 3 4 furnished to the State submitted by a qualified provider and a grant award payment to a qualified provider must be given 5 priority in processing. Any bill or invoice and any grant 6 award payment meeting these criteria that is submitted to an 7 8 official or agency must be processed and forwarded for payment before any other bill, invoice, or grant award 9 payment is processed or forwarded for payment. 10

(c) Payment by Comptroller. Except as provided in 11 subsection (d), a voucher for payment for goods or services 12 furnished to the State by a qualified provider and a grant 13 award payment to a qualified provider submitted by an 14 official or agency to the Comptroller for payment must be 15 16 given priority in payment. Any voucher meeting these criteria that is submitted to the Comptroller by an official or agency 17 for payment from a given fund must be paid before any other 18 19 bill, invoice, or grant award is paid from that fund. If 2 or more vouchers eligible for priority payment are received by 20 21 the Comptroller in the same day for payment out of the same 22 fund and there is not enough money in the fund to pay them all, then each bill, invoice, or grant award shall be paid in 23 the order in which it is received. 24

25 (d) The processing and payment of (i) debt service
26 obligations of the State and (ii) payroll obligations of the
27 State shall have priority over the processing and payment of
28 items as required by this Section.

29 Section 99. Effective date. This Section and the 30 changes to Section 8 of the State Prompt Payment Act take 31 effect upon becoming law.".