

1 AN ACT in relation to health.

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

4 Section 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the
5 Unified Health Care System Act.

6 Section 5. Definitions. In this Act:

7 "Commission" means the Unified Health Care System
8 Commission created under Section 10.

9 "Employee" means a person who is employed in this State,
10 whether by a public or a private employer.

11 "Plan" means the Unified Health Care System Plan
12 developed by the Commission.

13 Section 10. Unified Health Care System Commission.

14 (a) The Unified Health Care System Commission is
15 created. The Commission shall consist of the following
16 members appointed by the Governor:

17 (1) Five voting members representing organized
18 labor.

19 (2) Five voting members representing management.

20 (3) Three non-voting members representing the
21 insurance industry.

22 (4) One non-voting member representing the
23 Department of Insurance.

24 The Governor shall appoint non-voting advisory members
25 representing providers of health care services, as the
26 Governor deems appropriate.

27 (b) The Department of Insurance shall provide necessary
28 staff support for the Commission.

29 Section 15. Unified Health Care System Plan. With the

1 assistance of its advisory members, the Commission shall
2 develop a Unified Health Care System Plan that provides for
3 health care coverage for every employee and his or her
4 dependents. The plan shall include, but need not be limited
5 to, the following features:

6 (1) The plan shall provide health care coverage for
7 every employee and his or her dependents.

8 (2) The plan shall be financed by an employer-paid
9 assessment, in an amount determined by the Commission,
10 for each employee. Every employer shall pay the same
11 assessment per employee, regardless of the number of its
12 employees.

13 (3) The plan shall allow an employer's payment
14 (whether at the employer's initiative or as a result of
15 collective bargaining) of all or part of any co-payments,
16 deductible amounts, or other employee costs of coverage
17 established by the Commission.

18 (4) The plan shall allow self-employed individuals
19 to purchase health care coverage under the plan for
20 themselves and their dependents at cost.

21 (5) The plan shall include the following features:
22 negotiation of reduced prescription drug prices with
23 pharmaceutical companies; common standards for hospitals
24 and other institutional and individual providers of
25 health care services; wellness programs; computerization
26 of medical records and prescription drug ordering;
27 quality measures and quality control; and chronic disease
28 management.

29 Section 20. Bids. The Commission shall oversee the
30 submission and acceptance of bids to administer the plan.

31 Section 25. Additional employee benefits. Nothing in
32 this Act shall be construed to prohibit an employer's payment

1 (whether at the employer's initiative or as a result of
2 collective bargaining) of all or part of any employee health
3 or other benefits in addition to those included in health
4 care coverage under the plan.