



1 SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Community Integrated Living Arrangements (CILAs)  
3 currently serve approximately 8,500 individuals with  
4 developmental disabilities in Illinois; and

5 WHEREAS, These individuals manifest a wide range of medical  
6 needs, including chronic and acute diseases, post-surgical  
7 conditions, and ongoing medical assessment and oversight  
8 needs; and

9 WHEREAS, As individuals served in CILAs advance in age,  
10 their medical needs become more acute; and

11 WHEREAS, The administrative rules adopted by the  
12 Department of Human Services require CILA program operators to  
13 provide individuals served in CILAs with the necessary services  
14 of registered nurses; and

15 WHEREAS, Registered nurses are critical to the work of the  
16 community support team and are the key to providing staff  
17 training and oversight with respect to the administration of  
18 medications; and

19 WHEREAS, It is recognized that registered nurses provide  
20 necessary health care analysis and staff consultation in CILAs;  
21 and

22 WHEREAS, Having a sufficient number of registered nurses is  
23 vital to providing high levels of health care to CILA  
24 participants; and

25 WHEREAS, Current levels of reimbursement by the State of  
26 Illinois to CILA providers appear inadequate to recruit and  
27 retain sufficient nursing staff; therefore, be it

1           RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL  
2 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that the Illinois Department  
3 of Human Services shall establish a CILA nursing services  
4 reimbursement working group that will examine the scope and  
5 responsibilities of registered nurses working within the CILA  
6 program and make recommendations with respect to appropriate  
7 duties, staffing expertise, salary, wages, and staffing ratios  
8 that recognize the multiple site locations of CILAs; and be it  
9 further

10           RESOLVED, That the CILA nursing services reimbursement  
11 working group shall also study and evaluate the adequacy of  
12 reimbursement rates for nursing services within the CILA rate  
13 methodology with respect to their sufficiency and  
14 competitiveness of wages; and be it further

15           RESOLVED, That the CILA nursing services reimbursement  
16 working group shall be chaired by the Director of the Division  
17 of Developmental Disabilities of the Department of Human  
18 Services, shall include CILA providers, representatives from  
19 statewide provider and advocacy organizations, other  
20 representatives of the Department of Human Services Division of  
21 Developmental Disabilities, representatives from the nursing  
22 profession, and other appropriate stakeholders, and shall  
23 issue a written report of its findings and conclusions to the  
24 Secretary of Human Services, the General Assembly, and the  
25 Governor no later than March 31, 2006; and be it further

26           RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be sent to the  
27 Secretary of Human Services.