

1 AN ACT in relation to 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 changing Section 5-4.1 as follows:

6 (305 ILCS 5/5-4.1) (from Ch. 23, par. 5-4.1)

7 Sec. 5-4.1. Co-payments. The Department may by rule  
8 provide that recipients under any Article of this Code (other  
9 than group care recipients) shall pay a fee as a co-payment  
10 for services. Co-payments may not exceed ~~\$1 one-dollar~~ for  
11 pharmacy services, physicians services, dental services,  
12 optical services and supplies, chiropractic services,  
13 podiatry services, and encounter rate clinic services.  
14 Co-payments may not exceed ~~\$3 three-dollars~~ for hospital  
15 outpatient and clinic services. Notwithstanding any other  
16 provision of this Section, co-payments for generic  
17 prescription drugs may not exceed \$0.50 per prescription.  
18 Provided, however, that any such rule must provide that no  
19 co-payment requirement can exist for renal dialysis,  
20 radiation therapy, cancer chemotherapy, or insulin, and other  
21 products necessary on a recurring basis, the absence of which  
22 would be life threatening, or where co-payment expenditures  
23 for required services and/or medications for chronic diseases  
24 that the Illinois Department shall by rule designate shall  
25 cause an extensive financial burden on the recipient, and  
26 provided no co-payment shall exist for emergency room  
27 encounters which are for medical emergencies.

28 (Source: P.A. 82-664.)