

AN ACT concerning health.

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

Section 5. The Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities Code is amended by adding Section 2-101.1 as follows:

(405 ILCS 5/2-101.1 new)

Sec. 2-101.1. Counseling services; consent; costs.

(a) Any adult under guardianship may request and receive counseling services or psychotherapy. The consent of the guardian shall not be necessary to authorize counseling or psychotherapy. The adult's guardian shall not be informed, without the consent of the adult, of such counseling or psychotherapy unless the counselor or therapist believes such disclosure is necessary. If the counselor or therapist intends to disclose the fact of counseling or psychotherapy, the adult shall be so informed. However, until the consent of the adult's guardian has been obtained, counseling or psychotherapy provided to an adult under guardianship shall be limited to not more than 5 sessions, a session lasting not more than 45 minutes.

(b) The adult's guardian shall not be liable for the costs of counseling or psychotherapy which is received by the adult

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without the consent of the adult's guardian.