

AN ACT concerning regulation.

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

Section 5. The Fair Patient Billing Act is amended by changing Section 27 as follows:

(210 ILCS 88/27)

Sec. 27. Application procedures for financial assistance
~~Procedures for Financial Assistance.~~

(a) Applications. The Attorney General shall, by rule, adopt ~~standard~~ provisions for a uniform financial assistance form to be included in all applications for financial assistance ~~no later than June 30, 2013~~. On or before December 31, 2026, interested stakeholders ~~January 1, 2013, a statewide association representing a majority of hospitals~~ may submit to the Attorney General recommendations concerning a uniform standard provisions to be used in an application for financial assistance, and the Attorney General shall take reasonably relevant ~~those~~ recommendations into account when adopting rules under this subsection.

Approval of eligibility for financial assistance is valid for at least 12 months after the first service date for which the patient submitted a financial assistance application, pursuant to the hospital's financial assistance policy and

subject to subsection (b) of Section 45. A hospital must use only a uniform financial assistance form developed and provided by the Attorney General.

(b) Presumptive eligibility ~~Eligibility~~. The Attorney General shall, by rule, adopt appropriate methodologies for the determination of presumptive eligibility no later than June 30, 2013. On or before January 1, 2013, a statewide association representing a majority of hospitals may submit to the Attorney General recommendations concerning those methodologies, and the Attorney General shall take those recommendations into account when adopting rules under this subsection.

(Source: P.A. 97-690, eff. 6-14-12.)

Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon becoming law.