

AN ACT concerning public aid.

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

Section 5. The Illinois Public Aid Code is amended by adding Section 12-4.7e as follows:

(305 ILCS 5/12-4.7e new)

Sec. 12-4.7e. Cross-Agency Medicaid Commission.

(a) The Cross-Agency Medicaid Commission is established to study ways for the State agencies named in paragraphs (1) through (4) of subsection (b) to coordinate activities and programs to maximize the amount of federal Medicaid matching funds paid to the State for goods and services provided to children and their families under programs administered by those agencies.

(b) The Commission shall consist of the following 8 members:

(1) The Director of Healthcare and Family Services or his or her designee; and a representative of vendors of goods or services to children or their families who are eligible for medical assistance under Article V of this Code or for benefits under any other program administered by the Department of Healthcare and Family Services for which federal Medicaid matching funds may be available.

(2) The Secretary of Human Services or his or her designee; and a representative of vendors of goods or services to children or their families who are eligible for benefits under any program administered by the Department of Human Services for which federal Medicaid matching funds may be available.

(3) The Director of Children and Family Services or his or her designee; and a representative of vendors of goods or services to children or their families who are eligible for benefits under any program administered by the Department of Children and Family Services for which federal Medicaid matching funds may be available.

(4) The State Superintendent of Education or his or her designee; and a representative of vendors of goods or services to children or their families who are eligible for benefits under any program administered by the Illinois State Board of Education for which federal Medicaid matching funds may be available.

(c) The Director of Healthcare and Family Services shall serve as the Chair of the Commission. All members other than representatives of State agencies shall be appointed by the Governor no later than January 1, 2010 and shall serve without compensation. A quorum shall consist of 5 members. An affirmative vote of a majority of those members present and voting shall be necessary for Commission action. The Commission shall meet quarterly or more frequently at the call of the

Chair.

(d) The Department of Human Services shall provide staff and support to the Commission.

(e) The Commission may release findings and recommendations at any time but at a minimum must observe the following schedule:

(1) The Commission must issue preliminary findings and recommendations to the General Assembly by July 1, 2010.

(2) The Commission must issue its final findings and recommendations to the General Assembly by December 31, 2011.

(f) This Section is repealed on January 1, 2012.

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