



104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2025 and 2026

HB4784

by Rep. Lindsey LaPointe

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

305 ILCS 5/5-2.03
305 ILCS 5/5-2.03a new

Amends the Medical Assistance Article of the Illinois Public Aid Code. Provides that any person who was initially determined to be eligible for medical assistance and is receiving institutional services or home and community-based services as authorized under the Article shall be presumed eligible for a continuation of coverage for such services during any redetermination process, unless the person experiences a material change in financial circumstances that results in the loss of eligibility. Requires any person who experiences a material change in financial circumstances that results in the loss of eligibility to notify the Department of Healthcare and Family Services. Permits the Department to conduct a redetermination of eligibility. Requires the Department to notify the person before the commencement of any redetermination and after the redetermination is concluded along with the results of the redetermination and the effective date of any eligibility change. Requires the Department to seek federal authorization, no later than January 1, 2028, to exempt persons with disabilities who are otherwise eligible for medical assistance from annual eligibility redeterminations, except that a full redetermination shall be conducted at least once every 5 years, regardless of whether a material change in financial circumstances has occurred.

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1 AN ACT concerning 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 5-2.03 and by adding Section 5-2.03a as
6 follows:

7 (305 ILCS 5/5-2.03)

8 Sec. 5-2.03. Presumptive eligibility. Except as provided
9 in Section 5-2.03a ~~Beginning on the effective date of this~~
10 ~~amendatory Act of the 96th General Assembly~~ and except where
11 federal law requires presumptive eligibility, no adult may be
12 presumed eligible for medical assistance under this Code and
13 the Department may not cover any service rendered to an adult
14 unless the adult has completed an application for benefits,
15 all required verifications have been received, and the
16 Department or its designee has found the adult eligible for
17 the date on which that service was provided. Nothing in this
18 Section shall apply to pregnant women or to persons enrolled
19 under the medical assistance program due to expansions
20 approved by the federal government that are financed entirely
21 by units of local government and federal matching funds.

22 (Source: P.A. 96-1501, eff. 1-25-11; 97-687, eff. 6-14-12.)

1 (305 ILCS 5/5-2.03a new)

2 Sec. 5-2.03a. Redeterminations of eligibility for certain
3 persons.

4 (a) Any person who was initially determined to be eligible
5 for medical assistance and is receiving institutional services
6 or home and community-based services as authorized under this
7 Article shall be presumed eligible for a continuation of
8 coverage for such services during any redetermination process,
9 unless the person experiences a material change in financial
10 circumstances that results in the loss of eligibility.

11 (b) If the person experiences a material change in
12 financial circumstances that results in the loss of
13 eligibility, the person, or the person's designated caregiver
14 or responsible party, shall notify the Department. The
15 Department may conduct a redetermination of eligibility. If a
16 redetermination is conducted, the Department must send written
17 notice to the person or to the person's designated caregiver
18 or responsible party:

19 (1) before the commencement of any redetermination;

20 and

21 (2) upon conclusion of the redetermination, including
22 the results and the effective date of any eligibility
23 change.

24 (c) No later than January 1, 2028, the Department shall
25 seek federal authorization to exempt persons with disabilities
26 who are eligible for medical assistance from annual

1 redeterminations of eligibility, except that a full
2 redetermination shall be conducted at least once every 5
3 years, regardless of whether a material change in financial
4 circumstances has occurred.

5 (d) The Department shall adopt any rules necessary to
6 implement the provisions of this Section.