**Section 128.100 General Description**

This Part implements the Veterans' Health Insurance Program Act of 2008 [330 ILCS 126] that authorizes the Department to administer a program to offer uninsured veterans and their spouses in Illinois access to health benefits. The Department coordinates with the Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs to assist veterans to apply for the program. Eligible veterans are not eligible for Veterans Administration Healthcare or other State-administered health benefits. The Department shall provide health benefits coverage to eligible veterans and their spouses through purchasing or providing health care benefits. When cost-effective, the Department may offer veterans and spouses subsidies toward the cost of privately sponsored health insurance, including employer-sponsored health insurance.

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