**Section 240.450 The Hearing**

The hearing will be informal but *the rules of evidence and privilege as applied in civil cases in the circuit courts of this State shall be followed. Evidence not admissible under those rules of evidence may be admitted, however, (except where precluded by statute) if it is of a type commonly relied upon by reasonably prudent men in the conduct of their affairs.* (Illinois Administrative Procedure Act [5 ILCS 100/10-10 through 10-40]) The proceedings will be recorded. The appellant may present the case or have an authorized representative present it, and may bring witnesses to the hearing. The appellant/authorized representative shall have the opportunity before and during the hearing to examine material the Department plans to have available, which must include:

a) Statement of Facts; and

b) Pertinent case information, including all documents to be used at the hearing.

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