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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

305 ILCS 5/5-30.1 305 ILCS 5/5-30.3

Amends the Medical Assistance Article of the Illinois Public Aid Code. Requires the Department of Healthcare and Family Services to report each managed care organization's operational performance concerning actual administrative costs incurred; the medical loss ratios for the previous 4 calendar years; all Medicaid provider payment data for all services; and the amount of denied claims. Requires each managed care entity to self-report the same information and publish it on a monthly basis on the managed care entity's website as soon as practical but no later than July 1, 2018. Requires the Department to: (i) regularly monitor the actual administrative costs incurred by Medicaid Managed Care Entities to ensure that the administrative costs do not exceed what is allowed by contract; (ii) annually calculate the medical loss ratios for the previous 4 calendar years, and beginning no later than July 1, 2018, annually determine whether the State should be reimbursed by the Medicaid Manage Care Entities due to overpayment; (iii) require all Medicaid Managed Care Entities to regularly submit all Medicaid provider payment data for all services; and other duties. Effective immediately.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT MAY APPLY

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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 Sections 5-30.1 and 5-30.3 as follows:

6 (305 ILCS 5/5-30.1)

7 Sec. 5-30.1. Managed care protections.

8 (a) As used in this Section:

9 "Managed care organization" or "MCO" means any entity which 10 contracts with the Department to provide services where payment 11 for medical services is made on a capitated basis.

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"Emergency services" include:

(1) emergency services, as defined by Section 10 of the
Managed Care Reform and Patient Rights Act;

15 (2) emergency medical screening examinations, as
 16 defined by Section 10 of the Managed Care Reform and
 17 Patient Rights Act;

18 (3) post-stabilization medical services, as defined by
19 Section 10 of the Managed Care Reform and Patient Rights
20 Act; and

(4) emergency medical conditions, as defined by
Section 10 of the Managed Care Reform and Patient Rights
Act.

1 (b) As provided by Section 5-16.12, managed care 2 organizations are subject to the provisions of the Managed Care 3 Reform and Patient Rights Act.

(c) An MCO shall pay any provider of emergency services 4 5 that does not have in effect a contract with the contracted Medicaid MCO. The default rate of reimbursement shall be the 6 7 rate paid under Illinois Medicaid fee-for-service program 8 methodology, including all policy adjusters, including but not limited to 9 Medicaid High Volume Adjustments, Medicaid 10 Percentage Adjustments, Outpatient High Volume Adjustments, 11 and all outlier add-on adjustments to the extent such 12 adjustments are incorporated in the development of the 13 applicable MCO capitated rates.

14 (d) An MCO shall pay for all post-stabilization services as15 a covered service in any of the following situations:

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(1) the MCO authorized such services;

17 (2) such services were administered to maintain the 18 enrollee's stabilized condition within one hour after a 19 request to the MCO for authorization of further 20 post-stabilization services;

(3) the MCO did not respond to a request to authorizesuch services within one hour;

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(4) the MCO could not be contacted; or

(5) the MCO and the treating provider, if the treating
 provider is a non-affiliated provider, could not reach an
 agreement concerning the enrollee's care and an affiliated

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provider was unavailable for a consultation, in which case 1 2 the MCO must pay for such services rendered by the treating 3 non-affiliated provider until an affiliated provider was reached and either concurred with 4 the treating 5 non-affiliated provider's plan of care or assumed 6 responsibility for the enrollee's care. Such payment shall 7 be made at the default rate of reimbursement paid under 8 Illinois Medicaid fee-for-service program methodology, 9 including all policy adjusters, including but not limited 10 to Medicaid High Volume Adjustments, Medicaid Percentage 11 Adjustments, Outpatient High Volume Adjustments and all 12 outlier add-on adjustments to the extent that such 13 adjustments are incorporated in the development of the 14 applicable MCO capitated rates.

(e) The following requirements apply to MCOs in determiningpayment for all emergency services:

17 (1) MCOs shall not impose any requirements for prior18 approval of emergency services.

19 (2) The MCO shall cover emergency services provided to 20 enrollees who are temporarily away from their residence and 21 outside the contracting area to the extent that the 22 enrollees would be entitled to the emergency services if 23 they still were within the contracting area.

(3) The MCO shall have no obligation to cover medical
 services provided on an emergency basis that are not
 covered services under the contract.

1 (4) The MCO shall not condition coverage for emergency 2 services on the treating provider notifying the MCO of the 3 enrollee's screening and treatment within 10 days after 4 presentation for emergency services.

5 (5) The determination of the attending emergency 6 physician, or the provider actually treating the enrollee, 7 of whether an enrollee is sufficiently stabilized for 8 discharge or transfer to another facility, shall be binding 9 on the MCO. The MCO shall cover emergency services for all 10 enrollees whether the emergency services are provided by an 11 affiliated or non-affiliated provider.

12 (6) The MCO's financial responsibility for 13 post-stabilization care services it has not pre-approved 14 ends when:

(A) a plan physician with privileges at the
treating hospital assumes responsibility for the
enrollee's care;

(B) a plan physician assumes responsibility for
the enrollee's care through transfer;

20 (C) a contracting entity representative and the 21 treating physician reach an agreement concerning the 22 enrollee's care; or

(D) the enrollee is discharged.

24 (f) Network adequacy and transparency.

25 (1) The Department shall:

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26 (A) ensure that an adequate provider network is in

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place, taking into consideration health professional shortage areas and medically underserved areas;

3 (B) publicly release an explanation of its process
4 for analyzing network adequacy;

(C) periodically ensure that an MCO continues to have an adequate network in place; and

7 (D) require MCOs, including Medicaid Managed Care
8 Entities as defined in Section 5-30.2, to meet provider
9 directory requirements under Section 5-30.3.

10 (2) Each MCO shall confirm its receipt of information 11 submitted specific to physician additions or physician 12 deletions from the MCO's provider network within 3 days after receiving all required information from contracted 13 14 physicians, and electronic physician directories must be 15 updated consistent with current rules as published by the 16 Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services or its successor 17 agency.

18 (g) Timely payment of claims.

(1) The MCO shall pay a claim within 30 days of
 receiving a claim that contains all the essential
 information needed to adjudicate the claim.

(2) The MCO shall notify the billing party of its
inability to adjudicate a claim within 30 days of receiving
that claim.

(3) The MCO shall pay a penalty that is at least equal
to the penalty imposed under the Illinois Insurance Code

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1 for any claims not timely paid.

2 (4) The Department may establish a process for MCOs to
3 expedite payments to providers based on criteria
4 established by the Department.

5 (g-5) Recognizing that the rapid transformation of the 6 Illinois Medicaid program may have unintended operational 7 challenges for both payers and providers:

8 (1) in no instance shall a medically necessary covered 9 service rendered in good faith, based upon eligibility 10 information documented by the provider, be denied coverage 11 or diminished in payment amount if the eligibility or 12 coverage information available at the time the service was 13 rendered is later found to be inaccurate; and

14 (2) the Department shall, by December 31, 2016, adopt 15 rules establishing policies that shall be included in the 16 Medicaid managed care policy and procedures manual 17 addressing payment resolutions in situations in which a provider renders services based upon information obtained 18 19 after verifying a patient's eligibility and coverage plan 20 through either the Department's current enrollment system 21 or a system operated by the coverage plan identified by the 22 patient presenting for services:

(A) such medically necessary covered services
shall be considered rendered in good faith;

(B) such policies and procedures shall bedeveloped in consultation with industry

representatives of the Medicaid managed care health plans and representatives of provider associations representing the majority of providers within the identified provider industry; and

5 (C) such rules shall be published for a review and 6 comment period of no less than 30 days on the 7 Department's website with final rules remaining 8 available on the Department's website.

9 (3) The rules on payment resolutions shall include, but 10 not be limited to:

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(A) the extension of the timely filing period;

(B) retroactive prior authorizations; and

13 (C) guaranteed minimum payment rate of no less than
14 the current, as of the date of service, fee-for-service
15 rate, plus all applicable add-ons, when the resulting
16 service relationship is out of network.

17 (4) The rules shall be applicable for both MCO coverage18 and fee-for-service coverage.

19 (g-6) MCO Performance Metrics Report.

(1) The Department shall publish, on at least a
quarterly basis, each MCO's operational performance,
including, but not limited to, the following categories of
metrics:

24 (A) claims payment, including timeliness and25 accuracy;

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(B) prior authorizations;

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1	(C) grievance and appeals;	
2	(D) utilization statistics;	
3	(E) provider disputes;	
4	(F) provider credentialing; and	
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6	(H) actual administrative costs incurred by th	.e
7	MCO;	
8	(I) the medical loss ratios for the previous	4
9	<u>calendar years;</u>	
10	(J) all Medicaid provider payment data for al	1
11	services, including, but not limited to, alcohol an	d
12	substance abuse services, long-term care services, an	d
13	waiver services; and	
14	(K) amount of denied claims.	
15	(2) The Department shall ensure that the metrics repor	t
16	is accessible to providers online by January 1, 2017.	
17	(3) The metrics shall be developed in consultation wit	h
18	industry representatives of the Medicaid managed car	e
19	health plans and representatives of association	s
20	representing the majority of providers within th	e
21	identified industry.	
22	(4) Metrics shall be defined and incorporated into th	e
23	applicable Managed Care Policy Manual issued by th	e
24	Department.	
25	(h) The Department shall not expand mandatory MC	0
26	enrollment into new counties beyond those counties alread	чY

designated by the Department as of June 1, 2014 for the individuals whose eligibility for medical assistance is not the seniors or people with disabilities population until the Department provides an opportunity for accountable care entities and MCOs to participate in such newly designated counties.

7 (i) The requirements of this Section apply to contracts
8 with accountable care entities and MCOs entered into, amended,
9 or renewed after June 16, 2014 (the effective date of Public
10 Act 98-651).

11 (Source: P.A. 99-725, eff. 8-5-16; 99-751, eff. 8-5-16; 12 100-201, eff. 8-18-17.)

13 (305 ILCS 5/5-30.3)

Sec. 5-30.3. Empowering meaningful patient choice in
Medicaid Managed Care.

16 (a) Definitions. As used in this Section:

17 "Client enrollment services broker" means a vendor the 18 Department contracts with to carry out activities related to 19 Medicaid recipients' enrollment, disenrollment, and renewal 20 with Medicaid Managed Care Entities.

21 "Composite domains" means the synthesized categories 22 reflecting the standardized quality performance measures 23 included in the consumer quality comparison tool. At a minimum, 24 these composite domains shall display Medicaid Managed Care 25 Entities' individual Plan performance on standardized quality, - 10 - LRB100 17191 KTG 35687 b

1 timeliness, and access measures.

2 "Consumer quality comparison tool" means an online and 3 paper tool developed by the Department with input from 4 interested stakeholders reflecting the performance of Medicaid 5 Managed Care Entity Plans on standardized quality performance 6 measures. This tool shall be designed in a consumer-friendly 7 and easily understandable format.

8 "Covered services" means those health care services to 9 which a covered person is entitled to under the terms of the 10 Medicaid Managed Care Entity Plan.

"Facilities" includes, but is not limited to, federally qualified health centers, skilled nursing facilities, and rehabilitation centers.

Hospitals" includes, but is not limited to, acute care, rehabilitation, children's, and cancer hospitals.

16 "Integrated provider directory" means a searchable 17 database bringing together network data from multiple Medicaid 18 Managed Care Entities that is available through client 19 enrollment services.

20 "Medicaid eligibility redetermination" means the process 21 by which the eligibility of a Medicaid recipient is reviewed by 22 the Department to determine if the recipient's medical benefits 23 will continue, be modified, or terminated.

24 "Medicaid Managed Care Entity" has the same meaning as 25 defined in Section 5-30.2 of this Code.

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(b) Provider directory transparency.

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(1) Each Medicaid Managed Care Entity shall:

2 (A) Make available on the entity's website a 3 provider directory in a machine readable file and 4 format.

5 (B) Make provider directories publicly accessible 6 without the necessity of providing a password, a 7 username, or personally identifiable information.

8 (C) Comply with all federal and State statutes and 9 regulations, including 42 CFR 438.10, pertaining to 10 provider directories within Medicaid Managed Care.

(D) Request, at least annually, provider office
 hours for each of the following provider types:

13 (i) Health care professionals, including14 dental and vision providers.

(ii) Hospitals.

(iii) Facilities, other than hospitals.

(iv) Pharmacies, other than hospitals.

18 (v) Durable medical equipment suppliers, other19 than hospitals.

20 Medicaid Managed Care Entities shall publish the 21 provider office hours in the provider directory upon 22 receipt.

23 (E) Confirm with the Medicaid Managed Care 24 Entity's contracted providers who have not submitted 25 claims within the past 6 months that the contracted 26 providers intend to remain in the network and correct

any incorrect provider directory information as
 necessary.

(F) Ensure that in situations in which a Medicaid 3 Managed Care Entity Plan enrollee receives covered 4 5 services from a non-participating provider due to a material misrepresentation in a Medicaid Managed Care 6 7 Entity's online electronic provider directory, the Medicaid Managed Care Entity Plan enrollee shall not be 8 9 held responsible for any costs resulting from that 10 material misrepresentation.

11 (G) Conspicuously display an e-mail address and a 12 toll-free telephone number to which any individual may 13 report any inaccuracy in the provider directory. If the 14 Medicaid Managed Care Entity receives a report from any 15 person who specifically identifies provider directory 16 information as inaccurate, the Medicaid Managed Care 17 Entity shall investigate the report and correct any inaccurate information displayed in the electronic 18 19 directory.

20 <u>(H) As soon as practical, but no later than July 1,</u> 21 <u>2018, make available on the entity's website a monthly</u> 22 <u>listing that includes, but is not limited to, the</u> 23 <u>following:</u>

24(i) actual administrative costs incurred;25(ii) medical loss ratios for the previous 426calendar years;

1	(iii) all Medicaid provider payment data for			
2	all services, including, but not limited to,			
3	alcohol and substance abuse services, long-term			
4	care services, and waiver services; and			
5	(iv) amount of denied claims.			
6	(2) The Department shall:			
7	(A) Regularly monitor Medicaid Managed Care			
8	Entities to ensure that they are compliant with the			
9	requirements under paragraph (1) of subsection (b).			
10	(B) Require that the client enrollment services			

(B) Require that the client enrollment services broker use the Medicaid provider number for all providers with a Medicaid Provider number to populate the provider information in the integrated provider directory.

15 (C) Ensure that each Medicaid Managed Care Entity
16 shall, at minimum, make the information in
17 subparagraph (D) of paragraph (1) of subsection (b)
18 available to the client enrollment services broker.

(D) Ensure that the client enrollment services
broker shall, at minimum, have the information in
subparagraph (D) of paragraph (1) of subsection (b)
available and searchable through the integrated
provider directory on its website as soon as possible
but no later than January 1, 2017.

(E) Require the client enrollment services broker
 to conspicuously display near the integrated provider

directory an email address and a toll-free telephone 1 2 number provided by the Department to which any 3 individual may report inaccuracies in the integrated provider directory. If the Department receives a 4 5 report that identifies an inaccuracy in the integrated 6 provider directory, the Department shall provide the 7 information about the reported inaccuracy to the 8 appropriate Medicaid Managed Care Entity within 3 9 business days after the reported inaccuracy is 10 received.

11(F) Regularly monitor the actual administrative12costs incurred by Medicaid Managed Care Entities to13ensure that the administrative costs do not exceed what14is allowed by contract.

15(G) Annually calculate the medical loss ratios for16the previous 4 calendar years, and beginning no later17than July 1, 2018, annually determine whether the State18should be reimbursed by the Medicaid Managed Care19Entities due to overpayment.

20(H) Require all Medicaid Managed Care Entities to21regularly submit all Medicaid provider payment data22for all services, including, but not limited to,23alcohol and substance abuse services, long-term care24services, and waiver services. The Department shall25perform on-site reviews of the Medicaid Managed Care26Entities' financial data systems and test the

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1 completeness and accuracy of the data reported to the 2 Department by the Medicaid Managed Care Entities that 3 is used to monitor the payments made to Medicaid providers. 4

5 (I) Provide clear guidance to Medicaid Managed Care Entities on reporting denied claims and ensure 6 that Medicaid Managed Care Entities provide the denied 7 8 claims to the Department as required by contract.

9 (J) Ensure multiple monthly capitation payments 10 are not being made for the same Medicaid recipients, 11 immediately identify and remove all duplicative 12 recipients from its eligibility data, and recoup any 13 overpayment of duplicate capitation payments.

14 (K) Ensure that the Department effectively 15 monitors the newly awarded Medicaid Managed Care 16 Entity contracts to ensure compliance with all contractual provisions. 17

18 (c) Formulary transparency.

19 (1) Medicaid Managed Care Entities shall publish on their respective websites a formulary for each Medicaid 20 Managed Care Entity Plan offered and make the formularies 21 22 easily understandable and publicly accessible without the 23 necessity of providing a password, a username, or 24 personally identifiable information.

25 (2) Medicaid Managed Care Entities shall provide 26 printed formularies upon request.

(3) Electronic and print formularies shall display: 1 2 (A) the medications covered (both generic and name 3 brand); if the medication is preferred or 4 (B) not 5 preferred, and what each term means; 6 (C) what tier each medication is in and the meaning 7 of each tier; (D) any utilization controls including, but not 8 9 limited to, step therapy, prior approval, dosage 10 limits, gender or age restrictions, quantity limits, 11 or other policies that affect access to medications; 12 (E) any required cost-sharing; 13 (F) a glossary of key terms and explanation of 14 utilization controls and cost-sharing requirements; 15 (G) a key or legend for all utilization controls 16 visible on every page in which specific medication 17 coverage information is displayed; and

18 (H) directions explaining the process or processes
19 a consumer may follow to obtain more information if a
20 medication the consumer requires is not covered or
21 listed in the formulary.

(4) Each Medicaid Managed Care Entity shall display
conspicuously with each electronic and printed medication
formulary an e-mail address and a toll-free telephone
number to which any individual may report any inaccuracy in
the formulary. If the Medicaid Managed Care Entity receives

a report that the formulary information is inaccurate, the
 Medicaid Managed Care Entity shall investigate the report
 and correct any inaccurate information displayed in the
 electronic formulary.

5 (5) Each Medicaid Managed Care Entity shall include a 6 disclosure in the electronic and requested print 7 formularies that provides the date of publication, a 8 statement that the formulary is up to date as of 9 publication, and contact information for questions and 10 requests to receive updated information.

11 (6) The client enrollment services broker's website 12 shall display prominently a website URL link to each Medicaid Managed Care Entity's Plan formulary. If a 13 Medicaid enrollee calls the client enrollment services 14 15 broker with questions regarding formularies, the client 16 enrollment services broker shall offer a brief description 17 of what a formulary is and shall refer the Medicaid enrollee to the appropriate Medicaid Managed Care Entity 18 regarding his or her questions about a specific entity's 19 20 formulary.

(d) Grievances and appeals. The Department shall display prominently on its website consumer-oriented information describing how a Medicaid enrollee can file a complaint or grievance, request a fair hearing for any adverse action taken by the Department or a Medicaid Managed Care Entity, and access free legal assistance or other assistance made available by the 1 State for Medicaid enrollees to pursue an action.

(e) Medicaid redetermination information. The Department
shall require the client enrollment services broker to display
prominently on the client enrollment services broker's website
a description of where a Medicaid enrollee can access
information regarding the Medicaid redetermination process.

7 (f) Medicaid care coordination information. The client 8 enrollment services broker shall display prominently on its 9 website, in an easily understandable format, consumer-oriented 10 information regarding the role of care coordination services 11 within Medicaid Managed Care. Such information shall include, 12 but shall not be limited to:

(1) a basic description of the role of care
coordination services and examples of specific care
coordination activities; and

16 (2) how a Medicaid enrollee may request care
17 coordination services from a Medicaid Managed Care Entity.
18 (g) Consumer quality comparison tool.

19 (1) The Department shall create a consumer quality comparison tool to assist Medicaid enrollees with Medicaid 20 21 Managed Care Entity Plan selection. This tool shall provide 22 Medicaid Care Entities' individual Plan Managed 23 performance on a set of standardized quality performance 24 measures. The Department shall ensure that this tool shall 25 be accessible in both a print and online format, with the 26 online format allowing for individuals to access

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additional detailed Plan performance information.

(2) At a minimum, a printed version of the consumer
quality comparison tool shall be provided by the Department
on an annual basis to Medicaid enrollees who are required
by the Department to enroll in a Medicaid Managed Care
Entity Plan during an enrollee's open enrollment period.
The consumer quality comparison tool shall also meet all of
the following criteria:

9 (A) Display Medicaid Managed Care Entities' 10 individual Plan performance on at least 4 composite 11 domains that reflect Plan quality, timeliness, and 12 access. The composite domains shall draw from the most 13 current available performance data sets including, but 14 not limited to:

15 (i) Healthcare Effectiveness Data and
 16 Information Set (HEDIS) measures.

17 (ii) Core Set of Children's Health Care
18 Quality measures as required under the Children's
19 Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act
20 (CHIPRA).

(iii) Adult Core Set measures.

(iv) Consumer Assessment of Healthcare
 Providers and Systems (CAHPS) survey results.

(v) Additional performance measures the
Department deems appropriate to populate the
composite domains.

1 (B) Use a quality rating system developed by the 2 Department to reflect Medicaid Managed Care Entities' 3 individual Plan performance. The quality rating system 4 for each composite domain shall reflect the Medicaid 5 Managed Care Entities' individual Plan performance 6 and, when possible, plan performance relative to 7 national Medicaid percentiles.

8 (C) Be customized to reflect the specific Medicaid 9 Managed Care Entities' Plans available to the Medicaid 10 enrollee based on his or her geographic location and 11 Medicaid eligibility category.

12 (D) Include contact information for the client 13 enrollment services broker and contact information for 14 Medicaid Managed Care Entities available to the 15 Medicaid enrollee based on his or her geographic 16 location and Medicaid eligibility category.

17 (E) Include guiding questions designed to assist
 18 individuals selecting a Medicaid Managed Care Entity
 19 Plan.

20 (3) At a minimum, the online version of the consumer
21 quality comparison tool shall meet all of the following
22 criteria:

(A) Display Medicaid Managed Care Entities'
 individual Plan performance for the same composite
 domains selected by the Department in the printed
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Department may display additional composite domains in the online version of the consumer quality comparison tool as appropriate.

Display Medicaid Managed Care Entities' 4 (B) 5 individual Plan performance on each of the 6 standardized performance measures that contribute to 7 each composite domain displayed on the online version of the consumer quality comparison tool. 8

9 (C) Use a quality rating system developed by the 10 Department to reflect Medicaid Managed Care Entities' 11 individual Plan performance. The quality rating system 12 for each composite domain shall reflect the Medicaid 13 Managed Care Entities' individual Plan performance 14 and, when possible, plan performance relative to 15 national Medicaid percentiles.

16 (D) Include the specific Medicaid Managed Care 17 Entity Plans available to the Medicaid enrollee based 18 on his or her geographic location and Medicaid 19 eligibility category.

20 (E) Include a sort function to view Medicaid 21 Managed Care Entities' individual Plan performance by 22 quality rating and by standardized quality performance 23 measures.

(F) Include contact information for the client
enrollment services broker and for each Medicaid
Managed Care Entity.

(G) Include guiding questions designed to assist
 individuals in selecting a Medicaid Managed Care
 Entity Plan.

(H) Prominently display current notice of quality
performance sanctions against Medicaid Managed Care
Entities. Notice of the sanctions shall remain present
on the online version of the consumer quality
comparison tool until the sanctions are lifted.

9 (4) The online version of the consumer quality 10 comparison tool shall be displayed prominently on the 11 client enrollment services broker's website.

12 In the development of the consumer quality (5) 13 comparison tool, the Department shall establish and 14 publicize a formal process to collect and consider written oral 15 and feedback from consumers, advocates, and 16 stakeholders on aspects of the consumer quality comparison 17 tool, including, but not limited to, the following:

(A) The standardized data sets and surveys,
 specific performance measures, and composite domains
 represented in the consumer quality comparison tool.

(B) The format and presentation of the consumerquality comparison tool.

(C) The methods undertaken by the Department to
 notify Medicaid enrollees of the availability of the
 consumer quality comparison tool.

26 (6) The Department shall review and update as

appropriate the composite domains and performance measures represented in the print and online versions of the consumer quality comparison tool at least once every 3 years. During the Department's review process, the Department shall solicit engagement in the public feedback process described in paragraph (5).

7 (7) The Department shall ensure that the consumer
8 quality comparison tool is available for consumer use as
9 soon as possible but no later than January 1, 2018.

10 (h) The Department may adopt rules and take any other 11 appropriate action necessary to implement its responsibilities 12 under this Section.

13 (Source: P.A. 99-725, eff. 8-5-16; 100-201, eff. 8-18-17.)

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