

1 AN ACT in relation to 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 5-1 as follows:

6 (305 ILCS 5/5-1) (from Ch. 23, par. 5-1)

7 Sec. 5-1. Declaration of purpose. It is the purpose of  
8 this Article to provide a program of essential medical care  
9 and rehabilitative services for persons receiving basic  
10 maintenance grants under this Code and for other persons who  
11 are unable, because of inadequate resources, to meet their  
12 essential medical needs.

13 Preservation of health, alleviation of sickness, and  
14 correction of handicapping conditions for persons requiring  
15 maintenance support are essential if those persons they are  
16 to have an opportunity to become self-supporting or to attain  
17 a greater capacity for self-care. For persons who are  
18 medically indigent but otherwise able to provide themselves  
19 with a livelihood, it is of special importance to maintain  
20 their incentives for continued independence and preserve  
21 their limited resources for ordinary maintenance needs to  
22 prevent their total or substantial dependency.

23 (Source: Laws 1967, p. 122.)