

1 AN ACT in relation to insurance.

2 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,
3 represented in the General Assembly:

4 Section 5. The Children's Health Insurance Program Act
5 is amended by changing Section 5 as follows:

6 (215 ILCS 106/5)

7 (Section scheduled to be repealed on July 1, 2003)

8 Sec. 5. Legislative intent. The General Assembly finds
9 that, for the economic and social benefit of all citizens of
10 the State of Illinois, it is important to enable low-income
11 children of this State, to the extent funding permits, to
12 access health benefits coverage, especially preventive health
13 care. The General Assembly recognizes that assistance to
14 help families purchase health benefits for low-income
15 children must be provided in a fair and equitable fashion and
16 must treat all children at the same income level in a similar
17 fashion. The State of Illinois should help low-income
18 families transition from a health care system where
19 government partners with families to provide health benefits
20 to low-income children to a system where families with higher
21 incomes eventually transition into private or employer based
22 health plans. This Act is not intended to create an
23 entitlement.

24 (Source: P.A. 90-736, eff. 8-12-98.)