

1 AN ACT concerning public health.

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

4 Section 5. The Department of Public Health Powers and  
5 Duties Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois is  
6 amended by adding Section 2310-645 as follows:

7 (20 ILCS 2310/2310-645 new)

8 Sec. 2310-645. Colorectal Cancer Screening and Treatment  
9 Pilot Program.

10 (a) The General Assembly finds that colorectal cancer is  
11 the third most commonly diagnosed cancer among Illinoisans, and  
12 nearly 3,000 deaths from colorectal cancer are expected to  
13 occur in Illinois in a given year. Screening is necessary in  
14 order to detect colorectal cancer in its early stages.  
15 Screening reduces mortality both by decreasing the incidence  
16 and by detecting a higher proportion of cancers at early, more  
17 treatable stages.

18 (b) The Department of Public Health may establish and  
19 implement the Colorectal Cancer Screening and Treatment Pilot  
20 Program in areas of the State that have the highest incidences  
21 of mortality related to colon cancer. Subject to appropriation,  
22 the Department of Public Health may make grants to eligible  
23 entities for the purpose of carrying out the Program. An

1 eligible entity that is a recipient of a grant may use the  
2 grant to carry out such programs directly or through grants to,  
3 or contracts with, public, private, and not-for-profit  
4 entities. The Department of Public Health may give preference  
5 to entities that serve underserved populations. The Program may  
6 run no less than 3 years from the effective date of this  
7 amendatory Act of the 96th General Assembly, and an evaluation  
8 of the Program must be carried out measuring health outcomes  
9 and the cost of care for those served by the Program compared  
10 to similarly situated patients who are not served by the  
11 Program. A report must be submitted by the Department of Public  
12 Health to the Governor and the General Assembly every year of  
13 program implementation. The report shall include, but not be  
14 limited to, (1) an assessment of implementation, (2) an  
15 analysis of program costs and savings to the State, and (3) a  
16 description of program outcomes.

17 The Program may provide funding for colorectal cancer  
18 examinations and laboratory tests specified in current  
19 American Cancer Society (ACS) guidelines for colorectal cancer  
20 screening of asymptomatic individuals. Screening and treatment  
21 may be provided for colorectal screening examinations and tests  
22 that are administered at a frequency identified in the current  
23 ACS guidelines for colorectal cancer.

24 (c) The Colorectal Cancer Screening and Treatment Pilot  
25 Program may provide colorectal cancer screening and treatment  
26 services for individuals who:

1           (1) are at least 50 years of age or are less than 50  
2           years of age and at high risk of colorectal cancer; and

3           (2) do not have creditable coverage, as defined under  
4           the Illinois Health Insurance Portability and  
5           Accountability Act, or have otherwise exhausted any  
6           insurance benefits they may have had.

7           (d) Persons who have been screened for colorectal cancer  
8           under the Colorectal Cancer Pilot Program may receive medical  
9           assistance identical to benefits provided under the State's  
10           approved plan under Title XIX of the Social Security Act.  
11           Medical assistance may be available immediately for the  
12           duration of the treatment for such cancer.

13           (e) In addition to providing clinical services, the  
14           Colorectal Cancer Screening and Treatment Pilot Program may  
15           develop and disseminate public information about the  
16           importance of screening, engage in outreach efforts to serve as  
17           many eligible individuals as possible, and monitor and evaluate  
18           all of the sites where the Program is located.