

SB1807



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Introduced 2/20/2009, by Sen. Deanna Demuzio

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

305 ILCS 5/5-27 new

Amends the Illinois Public Aid Code. Provides that the Department of Healthcare and Family Services is authorized to make grants to a statewide Health Information Technology Resource and Support Center. Provides that the center's functions shall include: providing services on a statewide basis with a focus in rural and disparity areas of the State; providing medical practitioners, office managers, and healthcare support staff with information and assistance in understanding their health information technology (HIT) needs, selecting an appropriate system, and effective use of the system; and offering online continuing medical education (CME) courses on HIT and electronic medical records (EHR) related topics to physicians and other clinical practitioners. Effective July 1, 2009.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT
MAY APPLY

A BILL FOR

1 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 adding Section 5-27 as follows:

6 (305 ILCS 5/5-27 new)

7 Sec. 5-27. Health Information Technology Resource and
8 Support Center Initiative. The Department of Healthcare and
9 Family Services is authorized to make grants to a statewide
10 Health Information Technology Resource and Support Center
11 which will do the following:

12 (1) Provide services on a statewide basis with a focus
13 in rural and disparity areas of the State.

14 (2) Be an on-site, telephonic, and web-based facility.

15 (3) Provide medical practitioners, office managers,
16 and healthcare support staff with information and
17 assistance in understanding their health information
18 technology (HIT) needs, selecting an appropriate system,
19 and effective use of the system. No vendors shall be
20 endorsed.

21 (4) Link Illinois practitioners with national
22 initiatives promoting the use of HIT.

23 (5) Provide education regarding the security, privacy,

1 use, and benefits of HIT to patients, families, caregivers,
2 and the general public.

3 (6) Collaborate with other stakeholders to develop and
4 promote standard messaging using language and
5 literacy-appropriate materials to educate consumers.

6 (7) Offer online continuing medical education (CME)
7 courses on HIT and electronic medical records (EHR) related
8 topics to physicians and other clinical practitioners.

9 (8) Work closely with the Department regarding the
10 services provided to ensure accurate, efficient, and
11 coordinated effort in order to assist in the expansion of
12 health information technology.

13 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect July 1,
14 2009.