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HB1208

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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

305 ILCS 5/5-5f

Amends the Medical Assistance Article of the Illinois Public Aid Code. Exempts pregnant women, persons who are classified as mentally or developmentally disabled, persons who are aged, blind, or disabled, and persons who are being treated at a dental school as part of the clinical education process for dental students from a provision limiting adult dental services to emergencies. 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 Section 5-5f as follows:

6 (305 ILCS 5/5-5f)

Sec. 5-5f. Elimination and limitations of medical assistance services. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Code to the contrary, on and after July 1, 2012:

10 (a) The following services shall no longer be a covered 11 service available under this Code: group psychotherapy for 12 residents of any facility licensed under the Nursing Home Care 13 Act or the Specialized Mental Health Rehabilitation Act; and 14 adult chiropractic services.

(b) The Department shall place the following limitations on 15 16 services: (i) the Department shall limit adult eyeglasses to 17 one pair every 2 years; (ii) the Department shall set an annual limit of a maximum of 20 visits for each of the following 18 19 services: adult speech, hearing, and language therapy 20 services, adult occupational therapy services, and physical 21 therapy services; (iii) the Department shall limit podiatry 22 services to individuals with diabetes; (iv) the Department shall pay for caesarean sections at the normal vaginal delivery 23

rate unless a caesarean section was medically necessary; (v) 1 2 the Department shall limit adult dental services to 3 emergencies, except that this limitation shall not apply to pregnant women, persons who are classified as mentally or 4 5 developmentally disabled, persons who are aged, blind, or disabled, or persons who are being treated at a dental school 6 as part of the clinical education process for dental students; 7 8 and (vi) effective July 1, 2012, the Department shall place 9 limitations and require concurrent review on every inpatient 10 detoxification stay to prevent repeat admissions to any 11 hospital for detoxification within 60 days of a previous 12 inpatient detoxification stay. The Department shall convene a 13 workgroup of hospitals, substance abuse providers, care entities, managed care other 14 coordination plans, and 15 stakeholders to develop recommendations for quality standards, 16 diversion to other settings, and admission criteria for 17 patients who need inpatient detoxification.

(c) The Department shall require prior approval of the following services: wheelchair repairs, regardless of the cost of the repairs, coronary artery bypass graft, and bariatric surgery consistent with Medicare standards concerning patient responsibility. The wholesale cost of power wheelchairs shall be actual acquisition cost including all discounts.

(d) The Department shall establish benchmarks for
 hospitals to measure and align payments to reduce potentially
 preventable hospital readmissions, inpatient complications,

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and unnecessary emergency room visits. In doing so, 1 the 2 Department shall consider items, including, but not limited to, historic and current acuity of care and historic and current 3 trends in readmission. The Department shall 4 publish 5 provider-specific historical readmission data and anticipated potentially preventable targets 60 days prior to the start of 6 7 the program. In the instance of readmissions, the Department 8 shall adopt policies and rates of reimbursement for services 9 and other payments provided under this Code to ensure that, by 10 June 30, 2013, expenditures to hospitals are reduced by, at a 11 minimum, \$40,000,000.

(e) The Department shall establish utilization controls
for the hospice program such that it shall not pay for other
care services when an individual is in hospice.

(f) For home health services, the Department shall require Medicare certification of providers participating in the program, implement the Medicare face-to-face encounter rule, and limit services to post-hospitalization. The Department shall require providers to implement auditable electronic service verification based on global positioning systems or other cost-effective technology.

(g) For the Home Services Program operated by the Department of Human Services and the Community Care Program operated by the Department on Aging, the Department of Human Services, in cooperation with the Department on Aging, shall implement an electronic service verification based on global

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1 positioning systems or other cost-effective technology.

2 (h) The Department shall not pay for hospital admissions 3 when the claim indicates a hospital acquired condition that 4 would cause Medicare to reduce its payment on the claim had the 5 claim been submitted to Medicare, nor shall the Department pay 6 for hospital admissions where a Medicare identified "never 7 event" occurred.

8 (i) The Department shall implement cost savings 9 initiatives for advanced imaging services, cardiac imaging 10 services, pain management services, and back surgery. Such 11 initiatives shall be designed to achieve annual costs savings. 12 (Source: P.A. 97-689, eff. 6-14-12.)

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