

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 State Employees Group Insurance Act of 1971
5 is amended by changing Sections 6 and 6.1 as follows:

6 (5 ILCS 375/6) (from Ch. 127, par. 526)

7 Sec. 6. Program of health benefits.

8 (a) The program of health benefits shall provide for
9 protection against the financial costs of health care expenses
10 incurred in and out of hospital including basic
11 hospital-surgical-medical coverages. The program may include,
12 but shall not be limited to, such supplemental coverages as
13 out-patient diagnostic X-ray and laboratory expenses,
14 prescription drugs, dental services, hearing evaluations,
15 hearing aids, the dispensing and fitting of hearing aids, and
16 similar group benefits as are now or may become available.
17 ~~However, nothing in this Act shall be construed to permit, on~~
18 ~~or after July 1, 1980, the non-contributory portion of any such~~
19 ~~program to include the expenses of obtaining an abortion,~~
20 ~~induced miscarriage or induced premature birth unless, in the~~
21 ~~opinion of a physician, such procedures are necessary for the~~
22 ~~preservation of the life of the woman seeking such treatment,~~
23 ~~or except an induced premature birth intended to produce a live~~

1 ~~viable child and such procedure is necessary for the health of~~
2 ~~the mother or the unborn child.~~ The program may also include
3 coverage for those who rely on treatment by prayer or spiritual
4 means alone for healing in accordance with the tenets and
5 practice of a recognized religious denomination.

6 The program of health benefits shall be designed by the
7 Director (1) to provide a reasonable relationship between the
8 benefits to be included and the expected distribution of
9 expenses of each such type to be incurred by the covered
10 members and dependents, (2) to specify, as covered benefits and
11 as optional benefits, the medical services of practitioners in
12 all categories licensed under the Medical Practice Act of 1987,
13 (3) to include reasonable controls, which may include
14 deductible and co-insurance provisions, applicable to some or
15 all of the benefits, or a coordination of benefits provision,
16 to prevent or minimize unnecessary utilization of the various
17 hospital, surgical and medical expenses to be provided and to
18 provide reasonable assurance of stability of the program, and
19 (4) to provide benefits to the extent possible to members
20 throughout the State, wherever located, on an equitable basis.
21 Notwithstanding any other provision of this Section or Act, for
22 all members or dependents who are eligible for benefits under
23 Social Security or the Railroad Retirement system or who had
24 sufficient Medicare-covered government employment, the
25 Department shall reduce benefits which would otherwise be paid
26 by Medicare, by the amount of benefits for which the member or

1 dependents are eligible under Medicare, except that such
2 reduction in benefits shall apply only to those members or
3 dependents who (1) first become eligible for such medicare
4 coverage on or after the effective date of this amendatory Act
5 of 1992; or (2) are Medicare-eligible members or dependents of
6 a local government unit which began participation in the
7 program on or after July 1, 1992; or (3) remain eligible for
8 but no longer receive Medicare coverage which they had been
9 receiving on or after the effective date of this amendatory Act
10 of 1992.

11 Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Act, where a
12 covered member or dependents are eligible for benefits under
13 the federal Medicare health insurance program (Title XVIII of
14 the Social Security Act as added by Public Law 89-97, 89th
15 Congress), benefits paid under the State of Illinois program or
16 plan will be reduced by the amount of benefits paid by
17 Medicare. For members or dependents who are eligible for
18 benefits under Social Security or the Railroad Retirement
19 system or who had sufficient Medicare-covered government
20 employment, benefits shall be reduced by the amount for which
21 the member or dependent is eligible under Medicare, except that
22 such reduction in benefits shall apply only to those members or
23 dependents who (1) first become eligible for such Medicare
24 coverage on or after the effective date of this amendatory Act
25 of 1992; or (2) are Medicare-eligible members or dependents of
26 a local government unit which began participation in the

1 program on or after July 1, 1992; or (3) remain eligible for,
2 but no longer receive Medicare coverage which they had been
3 receiving on or after the effective date of this amendatory Act
4 of 1992. Premiums may be adjusted, where applicable, to an
5 amount deemed by the Director to be reasonably consistent with
6 any reduction of benefits.

7 (b) A member, not otherwise covered by this Act, who has
8 retired as a participating member under Article 2 of the
9 Illinois Pension Code but is ineligible for the retirement
10 annuity under Section 2-119 of the Illinois Pension Code, shall
11 pay the premiums for coverage, not exceeding the amount paid by
12 the State for the non-contributory coverage for other members,
13 under the group health benefits program under this Act. The
14 Director shall determine the premiums to be paid by a member
15 under this subsection (b).

16 (Source: P.A. 93-47, eff. 7-1-03.)

17 (5 ILCS 375/6.1) (from Ch. 127, par. 526.1)

18 Sec. 6.1. The program of health benefits may offer as an
19 alternative, available on an optional basis, coverage through
20 health maintenance organizations. That part of the premium for
21 such coverage which is in excess of the amount which would
22 otherwise be paid by the State for the program of health
23 benefits shall be paid by the member who elects such
24 alternative coverage and shall be collected as provided for
25 premiums for other optional coverages.

1 ~~However, nothing in this Act shall be construed to permit,~~
2 ~~after the effective date of this amendatory Act of 1983, the~~
3 ~~noncontributory portion of any such program to include the~~
4 ~~expenses of obtaining an abortion, induced miscarriage or~~
5 ~~induced premature birth unless, in the opinion of a physician,~~
6 ~~such procedures are necessary for the preservation of the life~~
7 ~~of the woman seeking such treatment, or except an induced~~
8 ~~premature birth intended to produce a live viable child and~~
9 ~~such procedure is necessary for the health of the mother or her~~
10 ~~unborn child.~~

11 (Source: P.A. 85-848.)

12 Section 10. The Illinois Public Aid Code is amended by
13 changing Sections 5-5, 5-8, 5-9, and 6-1 as follows:

14 (305 ILCS 5/5-5) (from Ch. 23, par. 5-5)

15 Sec. 5-5. Medical services. The Illinois Department, by
16 rule, shall determine the quantity and quality of and the rate
17 of reimbursement for the medical assistance for which payment
18 will be authorized, and the medical services to be provided,
19 which may include all or part of the following: (1) inpatient
20 hospital services; (2) outpatient hospital services; (3) other
21 laboratory and X-ray services; (4) skilled nursing home
22 services; (5) physicians' services whether furnished in the
23 office, the patient's home, a hospital, a skilled nursing home,
24 or elsewhere; (6) medical care, or any other type of remedial

1 care furnished by licensed practitioners; (7) home health care
2 services; (8) private duty nursing service; (9) clinic
3 services; (10) dental services, including prevention and
4 treatment of periodontal disease and dental caries disease for
5 pregnant women, provided by an individual licensed to practice
6 dentistry or dental surgery; for purposes of this item (10),
7 "dental services" means diagnostic, preventive, or corrective
8 procedures provided by or under the supervision of a dentist in
9 the practice of his or her profession; (11) physical therapy
10 and related services; (12) prescribed drugs, dentures, and
11 prosthetic devices; and eyeglasses prescribed by a physician
12 skilled in the diseases of the eye, or by an optometrist,
13 whichever the person may select; (13) other diagnostic,
14 screening, preventive, and rehabilitative services, including
15 to ensure that the individual's need for intervention or
16 treatment of mental disorders or substance use disorders or
17 co-occurring mental health and substance use disorders is
18 determined using a uniform screening, assessment, and
19 evaluation process inclusive of criteria, for children and
20 adults; for purposes of this item (13), a uniform screening,
21 assessment, and evaluation process refers to a process that
22 includes an appropriate evaluation and, as warranted, a
23 referral; "uniform" does not mean the use of a singular
24 instrument, tool, or process that all must utilize; (14)
25 transportation and such other expenses as may be necessary;
26 (15) medical treatment of sexual assault survivors, as defined

1 in Section 1a of the Sexual Assault Survivors Emergency
2 Treatment Act, for injuries sustained as a result of the sexual
3 assault, including examinations and laboratory tests to
4 discover evidence which may be used in criminal proceedings
5 arising from the sexual assault; (16) the diagnosis and
6 treatment of sickle cell anemia; and (17) any other medical
7 care, and any other type of remedial care recognized under the
8 laws of this State, ~~but not including abortions, or induced~~
9 ~~miscarriages or premature births, unless, in the opinion of a~~
10 ~~physician, such procedures are necessary for the preservation~~
11 ~~of the life of the woman seeking such treatment, or except an~~
12 ~~induced premature birth intended to produce a live viable child~~
13 ~~and such procedure is necessary for the health of the mother or~~
14 ~~her unborn child. The Illinois Department, by rule, shall~~
15 ~~prohibit any physician from providing medical assistance to~~
16 ~~anyone eligible therefor under this Code where such physician~~
17 ~~has been found guilty of performing an abortion procedure in a~~
18 ~~wilful and wanton manner upon a woman who was not pregnant at~~
19 ~~the time such abortion procedure was performed. The term "any~~
20 other type of remedial care" shall include nursing care and
21 nursing home service for persons who rely on treatment by
22 spiritual means alone through prayer for healing.

23 Notwithstanding any other provision of this Section, a
24 comprehensive tobacco use cessation program that includes
25 purchasing prescription drugs or prescription medical devices
26 approved by the Food and Drug Administration shall be covered

1 under the medical assistance program under this Article for
2 persons who are otherwise eligible for assistance under this
3 Article.

4 Notwithstanding any other provision of this Code, the
5 Illinois Department may not require, as a condition of payment
6 for any laboratory test authorized under this Article, that a
7 physician's handwritten signature appear on the laboratory
8 test order form. The Illinois Department may, however, impose
9 other appropriate requirements regarding laboratory test order
10 documentation.

11 Upon receipt of federal approval of an amendment to the
12 Illinois Title XIX State Plan for this purpose, the Department
13 shall authorize the Chicago Public Schools (CPS) to procure a
14 vendor or vendors to manufacture eyeglasses for individuals
15 enrolled in a school within the CPS system. CPS shall ensure
16 that its vendor or vendors are enrolled as providers in the
17 medical assistance program and in any capitated Medicaid
18 managed care entity (MCE) serving individuals enrolled in a
19 school within the CPS system. Under any contract procured under
20 this provision, the vendor or vendors must serve only
21 individuals enrolled in a school within the CPS system. Claims
22 for services provided by CPS's vendor or vendors to recipients
23 of benefits in the medical assistance program under this Code,
24 the Children's Health Insurance Program, or the Covering ALL
25 KIDS Health Insurance Program shall be submitted to the
26 Department or the MCE in which the individual is enrolled for

1 payment and shall be reimbursed at the Department's or the
2 MCE's established rates or rate methodologies for eyeglasses.

3 On and after July 1, 2012, the Department of Healthcare and
4 Family Services may provide the following services to persons
5 eligible for assistance under this Article who are
6 participating in education, training or employment programs
7 operated by the Department of Human Services as successor to
8 the Department of Public Aid:

9 (1) dental services provided by or under the
10 supervision of a dentist; and

11 (2) eyeglasses prescribed by a physician skilled in the
12 diseases of the eye, or by an optometrist, whichever the
13 person may select.

14 Notwithstanding any other provision of this Code and
15 subject to federal approval, the Department may adopt rules to
16 allow a dentist who is volunteering his or her service at no
17 cost to render dental services through an enrolled
18 not-for-profit health clinic without the dentist personally
19 enrolling as a participating provider in the medical assistance
20 program. A not-for-profit health clinic shall include a public
21 health clinic or Federally Qualified Health Center or other
22 enrolled provider, as determined by the Department, through
23 which dental services covered under this Section are performed.
24 The Department shall establish a process for payment of claims
25 for reimbursement for covered dental services rendered under
26 this provision.

1 The Illinois Department, by rule, may distinguish and
2 classify the medical services to be provided only in accordance
3 with the classes of persons designated in Section 5-2.

4 The Department of Healthcare and Family Services must
5 provide coverage and reimbursement for amino acid-based
6 elemental formulas, regardless of delivery method, for the
7 diagnosis and treatment of (i) eosinophilic disorders and (ii)
8 short bowel syndrome when the prescribing physician has issued
9 a written order stating that the amino acid-based elemental
10 formula is medically necessary.

11 The Illinois Department shall authorize the provision of,
12 and shall authorize payment for, screening by low-dose
13 mammography for the presence of occult breast cancer for women
14 35 years of age or older who are eligible for medical
15 assistance under this Article, as follows:

16 (A) A baseline mammogram for women 35 to 39 years of
17 age.

18 (B) An annual mammogram for women 40 years of age or
19 older.

20 (C) A mammogram at the age and intervals considered
21 medically necessary by the woman's health care provider for
22 women under 40 years of age and having a family history of
23 breast cancer, prior personal history of breast cancer,
24 positive genetic testing, or other risk factors.

25 (D) A comprehensive ultrasound screening of an entire
26 breast or breasts if a mammogram demonstrates

1 heterogeneous or dense breast tissue, when medically
2 necessary as determined by a physician licensed to practice
3 medicine in all of its branches.

4 All screenings shall include a physical breast exam,
5 instruction on self-examination and information regarding the
6 frequency of self-examination and its value as a preventative
7 tool. For purposes of this Section, "low-dose mammography"
8 means the x-ray examination of the breast using equipment
9 dedicated specifically for mammography, including the x-ray
10 tube, filter, compression device, and image receptor, with an
11 average radiation exposure delivery of less than one rad per
12 breast for 2 views of an average size breast. The term also
13 includes digital mammography.

14 On and after January 1, 2012, providers participating in a
15 quality improvement program approved by the Department shall be
16 reimbursed for screening and diagnostic mammography at the same
17 rate as the Medicare program's rates, including the increased
18 reimbursement for digital mammography.

19 The Department shall convene an expert panel including
20 representatives of hospitals, free-standing mammography
21 facilities, and doctors, including radiologists, to establish
22 quality standards.

23 Subject to federal approval, the Department shall
24 establish a rate methodology for mammography at federally
25 qualified health centers and other encounter-rate clinics.
26 These clinics or centers may also collaborate with other

1 hospital-based mammography facilities.

2 The Department shall establish a methodology to remind
3 women who are age-appropriate for screening mammography, but
4 who have not received a mammogram within the previous 18
5 months, of the importance and benefit of screening mammography.

6 The Department shall establish a performance goal for
7 primary care providers with respect to their female patients
8 over age 40 receiving an annual mammogram. This performance
9 goal shall be used to provide additional reimbursement in the
10 form of a quality performance bonus to primary care providers
11 who meet that goal.

12 The Department shall devise a means of case-managing or
13 patient navigation for beneficiaries diagnosed with breast
14 cancer. This program shall initially operate as a pilot program
15 in areas of the State with the highest incidence of mortality
16 related to breast cancer. At least one pilot program site shall
17 be in the metropolitan Chicago area and at least one site shall
18 be outside the metropolitan Chicago area. An evaluation of the
19 pilot program shall be carried out measuring health outcomes
20 and cost of care for those served by the pilot program compared
21 to similarly situated patients who are not served by the pilot
22 program.

23 Any medical or health care provider shall immediately
24 recommend, to any pregnant woman who is being provided prenatal
25 services and is suspected of drug abuse or is addicted as
26 defined in the Alcoholism and Other Drug Abuse and Dependency

1 Act, referral to a local substance abuse treatment provider
2 licensed by the Department of Human Services or to a licensed
3 hospital which provides substance abuse treatment services.
4 The Department of Healthcare and Family Services shall assure
5 coverage for the cost of treatment of the drug abuse or
6 addiction for pregnant recipients in accordance with the
7 Illinois Medicaid Program in conjunction with the Department of
8 Human Services.

9 All medical providers providing medical assistance to
10 pregnant women under this Code shall receive information from
11 the Department on the availability of services under the Drug
12 Free Families with a Future or any comparable program providing
13 case management services for addicted women, including
14 information on appropriate referrals for other social services
15 that may be needed by addicted women in addition to treatment
16 for addiction.

17 The Illinois Department, in cooperation with the
18 Departments of Human Services (as successor to the Department
19 of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse) and Public Health, through a
20 public awareness campaign, may provide information concerning
21 treatment for alcoholism and drug abuse and addiction, prenatal
22 health care, and other pertinent programs directed at reducing
23 the number of drug-affected infants born to recipients of
24 medical assistance.

25 Neither the Department of Healthcare and Family Services
26 nor the Department of Human Services shall sanction the

1 recipient solely on the basis of her substance abuse.

2 The Illinois Department shall establish such regulations
3 governing the dispensing of health services under this Article
4 as it shall deem appropriate. The Department should seek the
5 advice of formal professional advisory committees appointed by
6 the Director of the Illinois Department for the purpose of
7 providing regular advice on policy and administrative matters,
8 information dissemination and educational activities for
9 medical and health care providers, and consistency in
10 procedures to the Illinois Department.

11 The Illinois Department may develop and contract with
12 Partnerships of medical providers to arrange medical services
13 for persons eligible under Section 5-2 of this Code.
14 Implementation of this Section may be by demonstration projects
15 in certain geographic areas. The Partnership shall be
16 represented by a sponsor organization. The Department, by rule,
17 shall develop qualifications for sponsors of Partnerships.
18 Nothing in this Section shall be construed to require that the
19 sponsor organization be a medical organization.

20 The sponsor must negotiate formal written contracts with
21 medical providers for physician services, inpatient and
22 outpatient hospital care, home health services, treatment for
23 alcoholism and substance abuse, and other services determined
24 necessary by the Illinois Department by rule for delivery by
25 Partnerships. Physician services must include prenatal and
26 obstetrical care. The Illinois Department shall reimburse

1 medical services delivered by Partnership providers to clients
2 in target areas according to provisions of this Article and the
3 Illinois Health Finance Reform Act, except that:

4 (1) Physicians participating in a Partnership and
5 providing certain services, which shall be determined by
6 the Illinois Department, to persons in areas covered by the
7 Partnership may receive an additional surcharge for such
8 services.

9 (2) The Department may elect to consider and negotiate
10 financial incentives to encourage the development of
11 Partnerships and the efficient delivery of medical care.

12 (3) Persons receiving medical services through
13 Partnerships may receive medical and case management
14 services above the level usually offered through the
15 medical assistance program.

16 Medical providers shall be required to meet certain
17 qualifications to participate in Partnerships to ensure the
18 delivery of high quality medical services. These
19 qualifications shall be determined by rule of the Illinois
20 Department and may be higher than qualifications for
21 participation in the medical assistance program. Partnership
22 sponsors may prescribe reasonable additional qualifications
23 for participation by medical providers, only with the prior
24 written approval of the Illinois Department.

25 Nothing in this Section shall limit the free choice of
26 practitioners, hospitals, and other providers of medical

1 services by clients. In order to ensure patient freedom of
2 choice, the Illinois Department shall immediately promulgate
3 all rules and take all other necessary actions so that provided
4 services may be accessed from therapeutically certified
5 optometrists to the full extent of the Illinois Optometric
6 Practice Act of 1987 without discriminating between service
7 providers.

8 The Department shall apply for a waiver from the United
9 States Health Care Financing Administration to allow for the
10 implementation of Partnerships under this Section.

11 The Illinois Department shall require health care
12 providers to maintain records that document the medical care
13 and services provided to recipients of Medical Assistance under
14 this Article. Such records must be retained for a period of not
15 less than 6 years from the date of service or as provided by
16 applicable State law, whichever period is longer, except that
17 if an audit is initiated within the required retention period
18 then the records must be retained until the audit is completed
19 and every exception is resolved. The Illinois Department shall
20 require health care providers to make available, when
21 authorized by the patient, in writing, the medical records in a
22 timely fashion to other health care providers who are treating
23 or serving persons eligible for Medical Assistance under this
24 Article. All dispensers of medical services shall be required
25 to maintain and retain business and professional records
26 sufficient to fully and accurately document the nature, scope,

1 details and receipt of the health care provided to persons
2 eligible for medical assistance under this Code, in accordance
3 with regulations promulgated by the Illinois Department. The
4 rules and regulations shall require that proof of the receipt
5 of prescription drugs, dentures, prosthetic devices and
6 eyeglasses by eligible persons under this Section accompany
7 each claim for reimbursement submitted by the dispenser of such
8 medical services. No such claims for reimbursement shall be
9 approved for payment by the Illinois Department without such
10 proof of receipt, unless the Illinois Department shall have put
11 into effect and shall be operating a system of post-payment
12 audit and review which shall, on a sampling basis, be deemed
13 adequate by the Illinois Department to assure that such drugs,
14 dentures, prosthetic devices and eyeglasses for which payment
15 is being made are actually being received by eligible
16 recipients. Within 90 days after the effective date of this
17 amendatory Act of 1984, the Illinois Department shall establish
18 a current list of acquisition costs for all prosthetic devices
19 and any other items recognized as medical equipment and
20 supplies reimbursable under this Article and shall update such
21 list on a quarterly basis, except that the acquisition costs of
22 all prescription drugs shall be updated no less frequently than
23 every 30 days as required by Section 5-5.12.

24 ~~The rules and regulations of the Illinois Department shall~~
25 ~~require that a written statement including the required opinion~~
26 ~~of a physician shall accompany any claim for reimbursement for~~

1 ~~abortions, or induced miscarriages or premature births. This~~
2 ~~statement shall indicate what procedures were used in providing~~
3 ~~such medical services.~~

4 Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, the Illinois
5 Department shall, within 365 days after July 22, 2013~~7~~ (the
6 effective date of Public Act 98-104), establish procedures to
7 permit skilled care facilities licensed under the Nursing Home
8 Care Act to submit monthly billing claims for reimbursement
9 purposes. Following development of these procedures, the
10 Department shall have an additional 365 days to test the
11 viability of the new system and to ensure that any necessary
12 operational or structural changes to its information
13 technology platforms are implemented.

14 Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, the Illinois
15 Department shall, within 365 days after August 15, 2014 (the
16 effective date of Public Act 98-963) ~~this amendatory Act of the~~
17 ~~98th General Assembly~~, establish procedures to permit ID/DD
18 facilities licensed under the ID/DD Community Care Act to
19 submit monthly billing claims for reimbursement purposes.
20 Following development of these procedures, the Department
21 shall have an additional 365 days to test the viability of the
22 new system and to ensure that any necessary operational or
23 structural changes to its information technology platforms are
24 implemented.

25 The Illinois Department shall require all dispensers of
26 medical services, other than an individual practitioner or

1 group of practitioners, desiring to participate in the Medical
2 Assistance program established under this Article to disclose
3 all financial, beneficial, ownership, equity, surety or other
4 interests in any and all firms, corporations, partnerships,
5 associations, business enterprises, joint ventures, agencies,
6 institutions or other legal entities providing any form of
7 health care services in this State under this Article.

8 The Illinois Department may require that all dispensers of
9 medical services desiring to participate in the medical
10 assistance program established under this Article disclose,
11 under such terms and conditions as the Illinois Department may
12 by rule establish, all inquiries from clients and attorneys
13 regarding medical bills paid by the Illinois Department, which
14 inquiries could indicate potential existence of claims or liens
15 for the Illinois Department.

16 Enrollment of a vendor shall be subject to a provisional
17 period and shall be conditional for one year. During the period
18 of conditional enrollment, the Department may terminate the
19 vendor's eligibility to participate in, or may disenroll the
20 vendor from, the medical assistance program without cause.
21 Unless otherwise specified, such termination of eligibility or
22 disenrollment is not subject to the Department's hearing
23 process. However, a disenrolled vendor may reapply without
24 penalty.

25 The Department has the discretion to limit the conditional
26 enrollment period for vendors based upon category of risk of

1 the vendor.

2 Prior to enrollment and during the conditional enrollment
3 period in the medical assistance program, all vendors shall be
4 subject to enhanced oversight, screening, and review based on
5 the risk of fraud, waste, and abuse that is posed by the
6 category of risk of the vendor. The Illinois Department shall
7 establish the procedures for oversight, screening, and review,
8 which may include, but need not be limited to: criminal and
9 financial background checks; fingerprinting; license,
10 certification, and authorization verifications; unscheduled or
11 unannounced site visits; database checks; prepayment audit
12 reviews; audits; payment caps; payment suspensions; and other
13 screening as required by federal or State law.

14 The Department shall define or specify the following: (i)
15 by provider notice, the "category of risk of the vendor" for
16 each type of vendor, which shall take into account the level of
17 screening applicable to a particular category of vendor under
18 federal law and regulations; (ii) by rule or provider notice,
19 the maximum length of the conditional enrollment period for
20 each category of risk of the vendor; and (iii) by rule, the
21 hearing rights, if any, afforded to a vendor in each category
22 of risk of the vendor that is terminated or disenrolled during
23 the conditional enrollment period.

24 To be eligible for payment consideration, a vendor's
25 payment claim or bill, either as an initial claim or as a
26 resubmitted claim following prior rejection, must be received

1 by the Illinois Department, or its fiscal intermediary, no
2 later than 180 days after the latest date on the claim on which
3 medical goods or services were provided, with the following
4 exceptions:

5 (1) In the case of a provider whose enrollment is in
6 process by the Illinois Department, the 180-day period
7 shall not begin until the date on the written notice from
8 the Illinois Department that the provider enrollment is
9 complete.

10 (2) In the case of errors attributable to the Illinois
11 Department or any of its claims processing intermediaries
12 which result in an inability to receive, process, or
13 adjudicate a claim, the 180-day period shall not begin
14 until the provider has been notified of the error.

15 (3) In the case of a provider for whom the Illinois
16 Department initiates the monthly billing process.

17 (4) In the case of a provider operated by a unit of
18 local government with a population exceeding 3,000,000
19 when local government funds finance federal participation
20 for claims payments.

21 For claims for services rendered during a period for which
22 a recipient received retroactive eligibility, claims must be
23 filed within 180 days after the Department determines the
24 applicant is eligible. For claims for which the Illinois
25 Department is not the primary payer, claims must be submitted
26 to the Illinois Department within 180 days after the final

1 adjudication by the primary payer.

2 In the case of long term care facilities, within 5 days of
3 receipt by the facility of required prescreening information,
4 data for new admissions shall be entered into the Medical
5 Electronic Data Interchange (MEDI) or the Recipient
6 Eligibility Verification (REV) System or successor system, and
7 within 15 days of receipt by the facility of required
8 prescreening information, admission documents shall be
9 submitted through MEDI or REV or shall be submitted directly to
10 the Department of Human Services using required admission
11 forms. Effective September 1, 2014, admission documents,
12 including all prescreening information, must be submitted
13 through MEDI or REV. Confirmation numbers assigned to an
14 accepted transaction shall be retained by a facility to verify
15 timely submittal. Once an admission transaction has been
16 completed, all resubmitted claims following prior rejection
17 are subject to receipt no later than 180 days after the
18 admission transaction has been completed.

19 Claims that are not submitted and received in compliance
20 with the foregoing requirements shall not be eligible for
21 payment under the medical assistance program, and the State
22 shall have no liability for payment of those claims.

23 To the extent consistent with applicable information and
24 privacy, security, and disclosure laws, State and federal
25 agencies and departments shall provide the Illinois Department
26 access to confidential and other information and data necessary

1 to perform eligibility and payment verifications and other
2 Illinois Department functions. This includes, but is not
3 limited to: information pertaining to licensure;
4 certification; earnings; immigration status; citizenship; wage
5 reporting; unearned and earned income; pension income;
6 employment; supplemental security income; social security
7 numbers; National Provider Identifier (NPI) numbers; the
8 National Practitioner Data Bank (NPDB); program and agency
9 exclusions; taxpayer identification numbers; tax delinquency;
10 corporate information; and death records.

11 The Illinois Department shall enter into agreements with
12 State agencies and departments, and is authorized to enter into
13 agreements with federal agencies and departments, under which
14 such agencies and departments shall share data necessary for
15 medical assistance program integrity functions and oversight.
16 The Illinois Department shall develop, in cooperation with
17 other State departments and agencies, and in compliance with
18 applicable federal laws and regulations, appropriate and
19 effective methods to share such data. At a minimum, and to the
20 extent necessary to provide data sharing, the Illinois
21 Department shall enter into agreements with State agencies and
22 departments, and is authorized to enter into agreements with
23 federal agencies and departments, including but not limited to:
24 the Secretary of State; the Department of Revenue; the
25 Department of Public Health; the Department of Human Services;
26 and the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation.

1 Beginning in fiscal year 2013, the Illinois Department
2 shall set forth a request for information to identify the
3 benefits of a pre-payment, post-adjudication, and post-edit
4 claims system with the goals of streamlining claims processing
5 and provider reimbursement, reducing the number of pending or
6 rejected claims, and helping to ensure a more transparent
7 adjudication process through the utilization of: (i) provider
8 data verification and provider screening technology; and (ii)
9 clinical code editing; and (iii) pre-pay, pre- or
10 post-adjudicated predictive modeling with an integrated case
11 management system with link analysis. Such a request for
12 information shall not be considered as a request for proposal
13 or as an obligation on the part of the Illinois Department to
14 take any action or acquire any products or services.

15 The Illinois Department shall establish policies,
16 procedures, standards and criteria by rule for the acquisition,
17 repair and replacement of orthotic and prosthetic devices and
18 durable medical equipment. Such rules shall provide, but not be
19 limited to, the following services: (1) immediate repair or
20 replacement of such devices by recipients; and (2) rental,
21 lease, purchase or lease-purchase of durable medical equipment
22 in a cost-effective manner, taking into consideration the
23 recipient's medical prognosis, the extent of the recipient's
24 needs, and the requirements and costs for maintaining such
25 equipment. Subject to prior approval, such rules shall enable a
26 recipient to temporarily acquire and use alternative or

1 substitute devices or equipment pending repairs or
2 replacements of any device or equipment previously authorized
3 for such recipient by the Department.

4 The Department shall execute, relative to the nursing home
5 prescreening project, written inter-agency agreements with the
6 Department of Human Services and the Department on Aging, to
7 effect the following: (i) intake procedures and common
8 eligibility criteria for those persons who are receiving
9 non-institutional services; and (ii) the establishment and
10 development of non-institutional services in areas of the State
11 where they are not currently available or are undeveloped; and
12 (iii) notwithstanding any other provision of law, subject to
13 federal approval, on and after July 1, 2012, an increase in the
14 determination of need (DON) scores from 29 to 37 for applicants
15 for institutional and home and community-based long term care;
16 if and only if federal approval is not granted, the Department
17 may, in conjunction with other affected agencies, implement
18 utilization controls or changes in benefit packages to
19 effectuate a similar savings amount for this population; and
20 (iv) no later than July 1, 2013, minimum level of care
21 eligibility criteria for institutional and home and
22 community-based long term care; and (v) no later than October
23 1, 2013, establish procedures to permit long term care
24 providers access to eligibility scores for individuals with an
25 admission date who are seeking or receiving services from the
26 long term care provider. In order to select the minimum level

1 of care eligibility criteria, the Governor shall establish a
2 workgroup that includes affected agency representatives and
3 stakeholders representing the institutional and home and
4 community-based long term care interests. This Section shall
5 not restrict the Department from implementing lower level of
6 care eligibility criteria for community-based services in
7 circumstances where federal approval has been granted.

8 The Illinois Department shall develop and operate, in
9 cooperation with other State Departments and agencies and in
10 compliance with applicable federal laws and regulations,
11 appropriate and effective systems of health care evaluation and
12 programs for monitoring of utilization of health care services
13 and facilities, as it affects persons eligible for medical
14 assistance under this Code.

15 The Illinois Department shall report annually to the
16 General Assembly, no later than the second Friday in April of
17 1979 and each year thereafter, in regard to:

18 (a) actual statistics and trends in utilization of
19 medical services by public aid recipients;

20 (b) actual statistics and trends in the provision of
21 the various medical services by medical vendors;

22 (c) current rate structures and proposed changes in
23 those rate structures for the various medical vendors; and

24 (d) efforts at utilization review and control by the
25 Illinois Department.

26 The period covered by each report shall be the 3 years

1 ending on the June 30 prior to the report. The report shall
2 include suggested legislation for consideration by the General
3 Assembly. The filing of one copy of the report with the
4 Speaker, one copy with the Minority Leader and one copy with
5 the Clerk of the House of Representatives, one copy with the
6 President, one copy with the Minority Leader and one copy with
7 the Secretary of the Senate, one copy with the Legislative
8 Research Unit, and such additional copies with the State
9 Government Report Distribution Center for the General Assembly
10 as is required under paragraph (t) of Section 7 of the State
11 Library Act shall be deemed sufficient to comply with this
12 Section.

13 Rulemaking authority to implement Public Act 95-1045, if
14 any, is conditioned on the rules being adopted in accordance
15 with all provisions of the Illinois Administrative Procedure
16 Act and all rules and procedures of the Joint Committee on
17 Administrative Rules; any purported rule not so adopted, for
18 whatever reason, is unauthorized.

19 On and after July 1, 2012, the Department shall reduce any
20 rate of reimbursement for services or other payments or alter
21 any methodologies authorized by this Code to reduce any rate of
22 reimbursement for services or other payments in accordance with
23 Section 5-5e.

24 Because kidney transplantation can be an appropriate, cost
25 effective alternative to renal dialysis when medically
26 necessary and notwithstanding the provisions of Section 1-11 of

1 this Code, beginning October 1, 2014, the Department shall
2 cover kidney transplantation for noncitizens with end-stage
3 renal disease who are not eligible for comprehensive medical
4 benefits, who meet the residency requirements of Section 5-3 of
5 this Code, and who would otherwise meet the financial
6 requirements of the appropriate class of eligible persons under
7 Section 5-2 of this Code. To qualify for coverage of kidney
8 transplantation, such person must be receiving emergency renal
9 dialysis services covered by the Department. Providers under
10 this Section shall be prior approved and certified by the
11 Department to perform kidney transplantation and the services
12 under this Section shall be limited to services associated with
13 kidney transplantation.

14 (Source: P.A. 97-48, eff. 6-28-11; 97-638, eff. 1-1-12; 97-689,
15 eff. 6-14-12; 97-1061, eff. 8-24-12; 98-104, Article 9, Section
16 9-5, eff. 7-22-13; 98-104, Article 12, Section 12-20, eff.
17 7-22-13; 98-303, eff. 8-9-13; 98-463, eff. 8-16-13; 98-651,
18 eff. 6-16-14; 98-756, eff. 7-16-14; 98-963, eff. 8-15-14;
19 revised 10-2-14.)

20 (305 ILCS 5/5-8) (from Ch. 23, par. 5-8)

21 Sec. 5-8. Practitioners. In supplying medical assistance,
22 the Illinois Department may provide for the legally authorized
23 services of (i) persons licensed under the Medical Practice Act
24 of 1987, as amended, except as hereafter in this Section
25 stated, whether under a general or limited license, (ii)

1 persons licensed or registered under other laws of this State
2 to provide dental, medical, pharmaceutical, optometric,
3 podiatric, or nursing services, or other remedial care
4 recognized under State law, and (iii) persons licensed under
5 other laws of this State as a clinical social worker. ~~The~~
6 ~~Department may not provide for legally authorized services of~~
7 ~~any physician who has been convicted of having performed an~~
8 ~~abortion procedure in a wilful and wanton manner on a woman who~~
9 ~~was not pregnant at the time such abortion procedure was~~
10 ~~performed.~~ The utilization of the services of persons engaged
11 in the treatment or care of the sick, which persons are not
12 required to be licensed or registered under the laws of this
13 State, is not prohibited by this Section.

14 (Source: P.A. 95-518, eff. 8-28-07.)

15 (305 ILCS 5/5-9) (from Ch. 23, par. 5-9)

16 Sec. 5-9. Choice of Medical Dispensers. Applicants and
17 recipients shall be entitled to free choice of those qualified
18 practitioners, hospitals, nursing homes, and other dispensers
19 of medical services meeting the requirements and complying with
20 the rules and regulations of the Illinois Department. However,
21 the Director of Healthcare and Family Services may, after
22 providing reasonable notice and opportunity for hearing, deny,
23 suspend or terminate any otherwise qualified person, firm,
24 corporation, association, agency, institution, or other legal
25 entity, from participation as a vendor of goods or services

1 under the medical assistance program authorized by this Article
2 if the Director finds such vendor of medical services in
3 violation of this Act or the policy or rules and regulations
4 issued pursuant to this Act. ~~Any physician who has been~~
5 ~~convicted of performing an abortion procedure in a wilful and~~
6 ~~wanton manner upon a woman who was not pregnant at the time~~
7 ~~such abortion procedure was performed shall be automatically~~
8 ~~removed from the list of physicians qualified to participate as~~
9 ~~a vendor of medical services under the medical assistance~~
10 ~~program authorized by this Article.~~

11 (Source: P.A. 95-331, eff. 8-21-07.)

12 (305 ILCS 5/6-1) (from Ch. 23, par. 6-1)

13 Sec. 6-1. Eligibility requirements. Financial aid in
14 meeting basic maintenance requirements shall be given under
15 this Article to or in behalf of persons who meet the
16 eligibility conditions of Sections 6-1.1 through 6-1.10. In
17 addition, each unit of local government subject to this Article
18 shall provide persons receiving financial aid in meeting basic
19 maintenance requirements with financial aid for either (a)
20 necessary treatment, care, and supplies required because of
21 illness or disability, or (b) acute medical treatment, care,
22 and supplies only. If a local governmental unit elects to
23 provide financial aid for acute medical treatment, care, and
24 supplies only, the general types of acute medical treatment,
25 care, and supplies for which financial aid is provided shall be

1 specified in the general assistance rules of the local
2 governmental unit, which rules shall provide that financial aid
3 is provided, at a minimum, for acute medical treatment, care,
4 or supplies necessitated by a medical condition for which prior
5 approval or authorization of medical treatment, care, or
6 supplies is not required by the general assistance rules of the
7 Illinois Department. ~~Nothing in this Article shall be construed~~
8 ~~to permit the granting of financial aid where the purpose of~~
9 ~~such aid is to obtain an abortion, induced miscarriage or~~
10 ~~induced premature birth unless, in the opinion of a physician,~~
11 ~~such procedures are necessary for the preservation of the life~~
12 ~~of the woman seeking such treatment, or except an induced~~
13 ~~premature birth intended to produce a live viable child and~~
14 ~~such procedure is necessary for the health of the mother or her~~
15 ~~unborn child.~~

16 (Source: P.A. 92-111, eff. 1-1-02.)

17 Section 15. The Problem Pregnancy Health Services and Care
18 Act is amended by changing Section 4-100 as follows:

19 (410 ILCS 230/4-100) (from Ch. 111 1/2, par. 4604-100)

20 Sec. 4-100. The Department may make grants to nonprofit
21 agencies and organizations ~~which do not use such grants to~~
22 ~~refer or counsel for, or perform, abortions and~~ which
23 coordinate and establish linkages among services that will
24 further the purposes of this Act and, where appropriate, will

1 provide, supplement, or improve the quality of such services.

2 (Source: P.A. 83-51.)

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