

1 AN ACT concerning women's health issues.

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 changing Section 2310-430 as follows:

7 (20 ILCS 2310/2310-430) (was 20 ILCS 2310/55.69)

8 Sec. 2310-430. Women's health issues.

9 (a) The Department shall designate a member of its staff  
10 to handle women's health issues not currently or adequately  
11 addressed by the Department.

12 (b) The staff person's duties shall include, without  
13 limitation:

14 (1) Assisting in the assessment of the health needs  
15 of women in the State.

16 (2) Recommending treatment methods and programs  
17 that are sensitive and relevant to the unique  
18 characteristics of women.

19 (3) Promoting awareness of women's health concerns  
20 and encouraging, promoting, and aiding in the  
21 establishment of women's services.

22 (4) Providing adequate and effective opportunities  
23 for women to express their views on Departmental policy  
24 development and program implementation.

25 (5) Providing information to the members of the  
26 public, patients, and health care providers regarding  
27 women's gynecological cancers, including but not limited  
28 to the signs and symptoms, risk factors, the benefits of  
29 early detection through appropriate diagnostic testing,  
30 and treatment options.

31 (6) Publishing the health care summary required

1 under Section 2310-425 55-66 of this Act.

2 (c) The information provided under item (5) of  
3 subsection (b) of this Section may include, but is not  
4 limited to, the following:

5 (1) Educational and informational materials in  
6 print, audio, video, electronic, or other media.

7 (2) Public service announcements and  
8 advertisements.

9 (3) The health care summary required under Section  
10 2310-425 55-66 of this Act.

11 The Department may develop or contract with others to  
12 develop, as the Director deems appropriate, the materials  
13 described in this subsection (c) or may survey available  
14 publications from, among other sources, the National Cancer  
15 Institute and the American Cancer Society. The staff person  
16 designated under this Section shall collect the materials,  
17 formulate a distribution plan, and disseminate the materials  
18 according to the plan. These materials shall be made  
19 available to the public free of charge.

20 In exercising its powers under this subsection (c), the  
21 Department shall consult with appropriate health care  
22 professionals and providers, patients, and organizations  
23 representing health care professionals and providers and  
24 patients.

25 (d) The Department must report at least once each  
26 quarter to the General Assembly on the implementation of this  
27 Section.

28 (Source: P.A. 91-106, eff. 1-1-00; 91-239, eff. 1-1-00;  
29 revised 8-6-99.)

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