

1 AN ACT concerning regulation.

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

4 Section 5. The Health Care Worker Background Check Act is  
5 amended by changing Section 70 as follows:

6 (225 ILCS 46/70)

7 Sec. 70. Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMMS)  
8 grant; Voluntary FBI Fingerprint Demonstration Project.

9 (a) The General Assembly authorizes the establishment of  
10 the Voluntary FBI Fingerprint Demonstration Project  
11 (Demonstration Project), which shall be consistent with the  
12 provisions of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services  
13 grant awarded to and distributed by the Department of Public  
14 Health pursuant to Title VI, Subtitle B, Part III, Subtitle C,  
15 Section 6201 of the Affordable Care Act of 2010. The  
16 Demonstration Project is authorized to operate for the period  
17 of January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014 and shall operate  
18 until the conclusion of this grant period or until the  
19 long-term care facility terminates its participation in the  
20 Demonstration Project, whichever occurs sooner.

21 (b) The Long-Term Care Facility Advisory Board established  
22 under the Nursing Home Care Act shall act in an advisory  
23 capacity to the Demonstration Project.

1       (c) Long-term care facilities voluntarily participating in  
2 the Demonstration Project shall, in addition to the provisions  
3 of this Section, comply with all requirements set forth in this  
4 Act. When conflict between the Act and the provisions of this  
5 Section occurs, the provisions of this Section shall supersede  
6 until the conclusion of the grant period or until the long-term  
7 care facility terminates its participation in the  
8 Demonstration Project, whichever occurs sooner.

9       (d) The Department of Public Health shall select at least  
10 one facility in the State to participate in the Demonstration  
11 Project.

12       (e) For the purposes of determining who shall be required  
13 to undergo a State and an FBI fingerprint-based criminal  
14 history records check under the Demonstration Project, "direct  
15 access employee" means any individual who has access to a  
16 patient or resident of a long-term care facility or provider  
17 through employment or through a contract with a long-term care  
18 facility or provider and has duties that involve or may involve  
19 one-on-one contact with a resident of the facility or provider,  
20 as determined by the State for purposes of the Demonstration  
21 Project.

22       (f) All long-term care facilities licensed under the  
23 Nursing Home Care Act are qualified to volunteer for the  
24 Demonstration Project.

25       (g) The Department of Public Health shall notify qualified  
26 long-term care facilities within 30 days after the effective

1 date of this amendatory Act of the 98th General Assembly of the  
2 opportunity to volunteer for the Demonstration Project. The  
3 notice shall include information concerning application  
4 procedures and deadlines, termination rights, requirements for  
5 participation, the selection process, and a  
6 question-and-answer document addressing potential conflicts  
7 between this Act and the provisions of this Section.

8 (h) Qualified long-term care facilities shall be given a  
9 minimum of 30 days after the date of receiving the notice to  
10 inform the Department of Public Health, in the form and manner  
11 prescribed by the Department of Public Health, of their  
12 interest in volunteering for the Demonstration Project.  
13 Facilities selected for the Demonstration Project shall be  
14 notified, within 30 days after the date of application, of the  
15 effective date that their participation in the Demonstration  
16 Project will begin, which may vary.

17 (i) The individual applicant shall be responsible for the  
18 cost of each individual fingerprint inquiry, which may be  
19 offset with grant funds, if available.

20 ~~(a) In this Section:~~

21 ~~"Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMMS) grant"~~  
22 ~~means the grant awarded to and distributed by the Department of~~  
23 ~~Public Health to enhance the conduct of criminal history~~  
24 ~~records checks of certain health care employees. The CMMS grant~~  
25 ~~is authorized by Section 307 of the federal Medicare~~  
26 ~~Prescription Drug, Improvement, and Modernization Act of 2003,~~

1 ~~which establishes the framework for a program to evaluate~~  
2 ~~national and state background checks on prospective employees~~  
3 ~~with direct access to patients of long-term care facilities or~~  
4 ~~providers.~~

5 ~~"Selected health care employer" means any of the following~~  
6 ~~selected to participate in the CMMS grant:~~

7 ~~(1) a community living facility as defined in the~~  
8 ~~Community Living Facility Act;~~

9 ~~(2) a long term care facility as defined in the Nursing~~  
10 ~~Home Care Act;~~

11 ~~(3) a home health agency as defined in the Home Health,~~  
12 ~~Home Services, and Home Nursing Agency Licensing Act;~~

13 ~~(4) a full hospice as defined in the Hospice Licensing~~  
14 ~~Act;~~

15 ~~(5) an establishment licensed under the Assisted~~  
16 ~~Living and Shared Housing Act;~~

17 ~~(6) a supportive living facility as defined in the~~  
18 ~~Illinois Public Aid Code;~~

19 ~~(7) a day training program certified by the Department~~  
20 ~~of Human Services;~~

21 ~~(8) a community integrated living arrangement operated~~  
22 ~~by a community mental health and developmental service~~  
23 ~~agency as defined in the Community Integrated Living~~  
24 ~~Arrangements Licensing and Certification Act; or~~

25 ~~(9) a long term care hospital or hospital with swing~~  
26 ~~beds.~~

1       ~~(b) Selected health care employers shall be phased in to~~  
2 ~~participate in the CMMS grant between January 1, 2006 and~~  
3 ~~January 1, 2007, as prescribed by the Department of Public~~  
4 ~~Health by rule.~~

5       ~~(c) With regards to individuals hired on or after January~~  
6 ~~1, 2006 who have direct access to residents, patients, or~~  
7 ~~clients of the selected health care employer, selected health~~  
8 ~~care employers must comply with Section 25 of this Act.~~

9       ~~"Individuals who have direct access" includes, but is not~~  
10 ~~limited to, (i) direct care workers as described in subsection~~  
11 ~~(a) of Section 25; (ii) individuals licensed by the Department~~  
12 ~~of Financial and Professional Regulation, such as nurses,~~  
13 ~~social workers, physical therapists, occupational therapists,~~  
14 ~~and pharmacists; (iii) individuals who provide services on~~  
15 ~~site, through contract; and (iv) non-direct care workers, such~~  
16 ~~as those who work in environmental services, food service, and~~  
17 ~~administration.~~

18       ~~"Individuals who have direct access" does not include~~  
19 ~~physicians or volunteers.~~

20       ~~The Department of Public Health may further define~~  
21 ~~"individuals who have direct access" by rule.~~

22       (j) ~~(d)~~ Each applicant seeking employment in a position  
23 described in subsection (e) ~~(e)~~ of this Section with a selected  
24 health care employer shall, as a condition of employment, have  
25 his or her fingerprints submitted to the Department of State  
26 Police in an electronic format that complies with the form and

1 manner for requesting and furnishing criminal history record  
2 information by the Department of State Police and the Federal  
3 Bureau of Investigation criminal history record databases now  
4 and hereafter filed. The Department of State Police shall  
5 forward the fingerprints to the Federal Bureau of Investigation  
6 for a national criminal history records check. The Department  
7 of State Police shall charge a fee for conducting the criminal  
8 history records check, which shall not exceed the actual cost  
9 of the records check and shall be deposited into the State  
10 Police Services Fund. The Department of State Police shall  
11 furnish, pursuant to positive identification, records of  
12 Illinois convictions to the Department of Public Health.

13 ~~(c) A selected health care employer who makes a conditional~~  
14 ~~offer of employment to an applicant shall:~~

15 ~~(1) ensure that the applicant has complied with the~~  
16 ~~fingerprinting requirements of this Section;~~

17 ~~(2) complete documentation relating to any criminal~~  
18 ~~history record, as revealed by the applicant, as prescribed~~  
19 ~~by rule by the Department of Public Health;~~

20 ~~(3) complete documentation of the applicant's personal~~  
21 ~~identifiers as prescribed by rule by the Department of~~  
22 ~~Public Health; and~~

23 ~~(4) provide supervision, as prescribed by rule by the~~  
24 ~~licensing agency, if the applicant is hired and allowed to~~  
25 ~~work prior to the results of the criminal history records~~  
26 ~~check being obtained.~~

1       ~~(f) A selected health care employer having actual knowledge~~  
2       ~~from a source that an individual with direct access to a~~  
3       ~~resident, patient, or client has been convicted of committing~~  
4       ~~or attempting to commit one of the offenses enumerated in~~  
5       ~~Section 25 of this Act shall contact the licensing agency or~~  
6       ~~follow other instructions as prescribed by administrative~~  
7       ~~rule.~~

8       (k) ~~(g)~~ A fingerprint-based criminal history records check  
9       submitted in accordance with subsection (j) ~~(d)~~ of this Section  
10      shall ~~must~~ be submitted as a fee applicant inquiry in the form  
11      and manner prescribed by the Department of State Police.

12      (l) A long-term care facility may terminate its  
13      participation in the Demonstration Project without prejudice  
14      by providing the Department of Public Health with notice of its  
15      intent to terminate at least 30 days prior to its voluntary  
16      termination.

17      (m) ~~(h)~~ This Section shall be inapplicable upon the  
18      conclusion of the CMMS grant period.

19      (Source: P.A. 94-665, eff. 1-1-06; 94-931, eff. 6-26-06;  
20      95-331, eff. 8-21-07; revised 11-14-13.)

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