

**104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY****State of Illinois****2025 and 2026****SB2374**

Introduced 2/7/2025, by Sen. Lakesia Collins

**SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:**

305 ILCS 5/5-65 new

Amends the Medical Assistance Article of the Illinois Public Aid Code. Requires the Department of Healthcare and Family Services to establish and implement within 12 months after the effective date of the amendatory Act a 3-year medical nutrition therapy pilot program that provides targeted populations, that otherwise meet the eligibility requirements for medical assistance, with nutrition education and counseling to prevent, delay, manage, treat, or rehabilitate a disease or condition. Provides that under the pilot program, medical nutrition therapy services shall be provided by a registered dietitian licensed under the Dietitian Nutritionist Practice Act who is acting within the scope of his or her license. Provides that program services shall include nutrition assessment, nutrition intervention, nutrition counseling, and nutrition monitoring and evaluation. Lists the populations targeted for eligibility under the pilot program. Requires the Department to identify and track the progress and health outcomes of program participants and submit a report of its findings and recommendations on possible program expansion to the Governor and the General Assembly within 3 months after the pilot program terminates. Requires the Department to adopt any rules necessary to implement the pilot program.

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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 5-65 as follows:

6 (305 ILCS 5/5-65 new)

7 Sec. 5-65. Medical nutrition therapy pilot program. The  
8 Department shall establish and implement within 12 months  
9 after the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 104th  
10 General Assembly a 3-year medical nutrition therapy pilot  
11 program that provides targeted populations, that otherwise  
12 meet the eligibility requirements for medical assistance, with  
13 nutrition education and counseling to prevent, delay, manage,  
14 treat, or rehabilitate a disease or condition. Under the pilot  
15 program, medical nutrition therapy services shall be provided  
16 by a registered dietitian licensed under the Dietitian  
17 Nutritionist Practice Act who is acting within the scope of  
18 his or her license. Services shall include nutrition  
19 assessment, nutrition intervention, nutrition counseling, and  
20 nutrition monitoring and evaluation as defined in Section 10  
21 of the Dietitian Nutritionist Practice Act. The following  
22 targeted populations shall be eligible to participate in the  
23 pilot program:

1           (1) persons receiving maternal and child health  
2           services;

3           (2) recipients of health care services provided at  
4           school-based clinics; and

5           (3) SNAP recipients who have been diagnosed with a  
6           chronic health condition, including, but not limited to,  
7           high blood pressure, heart disease, asthma, cancer,  
8           diabetes, gestational diabetes, and any other medical  
9           condition associated with high-risk pregnancy.

10          The Department shall identify and track the progress and  
11          health outcomes of program participants and submit a report of  
12          its findings and recommendations on possible program expansion  
13          to the Governor and the General Assembly within 3 months after  
14          the pilot program terminates. The Department shall not include  
15          in its report any personally identifiable information of  
16          persons participating in the pilot program.

17          The Department shall adopt any rules necessary to  
18          implement the pilot program.