

1 AN ACT concerning health.

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

4 Section 5. The Medical Patient Rights Act is amended by  
5 adding Section 3.4 as follows:

6 (410 ILCS 50/3.4 new)

7 Sec. 3.4. Rights of women; pregnancy and childbirth.

8 (a) In addition to any other right provided under this Act,  
9 every woman has the following rights with regard to pregnancy  
10 and childbirth:

11 (1) The right to receive health care before, during,  
12 and after pregnancy and childbirth.

13 (2) The right to receive care for her and her infant  
14 that is consistent with generally accepted medical  
15 standards.

16 (3) The right to choose a certified nurse midwife or  
17 physician as her maternity care professional.

18 (4) The right to choose her birth setting from the full  
19 range of birthing options available in her community.

20 (5) The right to leave her maternity care professional  
21 and select another if she becomes dissatisfied with her  
22 care, except as otherwise provided by law.

23 (6) The right to receive information about the names of

1 those health care professionals involved in her care.

2 (7) The right to privacy and confidentiality of  
3 records, except as provided by law.

4 (8) The right to receive information concerning her  
5 condition and proposed treatment, including methods of  
6 relieving pain.

7 (9) The right to accept or refuse any treatment, to the  
8 extent medically possible.

9 (10) The right to be informed if her caregivers wish to  
10 enroll her or her infant in a research study in accordance  
11 with Section 3.1 of this Act.

12 (11) The right to access her medical records in  
13 accordance with Section 8-2001 of the Code of Civil  
14 Procedure.

15 (12) The right to receive information in a language in  
16 which she can communicate in accordance with federal law.

17 (13) The right to receive emotional and physical  
18 support during labor and birth.

19 (14) The right to freedom of movement during labor and  
20 to give birth in the position of her choice, within  
21 generally accepted medical standards.

22 (15) The right to contact with her newborn, except  
23 where necessary care must be provided to the mother or  
24 infant.

25 (16) The right to receive information about  
26 breastfeeding.

1           (17) The right to decide collaboratively with  
2           caregivers when she and her baby will leave the birth site  
3           for home, based on their conditions and circumstances.

4           (18) The right to be treated with respect at all times  
5           before, during, and after pregnancy by her health care  
6           professionals.

7           (19) The right of each patient, regardless of source of  
8           payment, to examine and receive a reasonable explanation of  
9           her total bill for services rendered by her maternity care  
10           professional or health care provider, including itemized  
11           charges for specific services received. Each maternity  
12           care professional or health care provider shall be  
13           responsible only for a reasonable explanation of those  
14           specific services provided by the maternity care  
15           professional or health care provider.

16           (b) The Department of Public Health, Department of  
17           Healthcare and Family Services, Department of Children and  
18           Family Services, and Department of Human Services shall post  
19           information about these rights on their publicly available  
20           websites. Every health care provider, day care center licensed  
21           under the Child Care Act of 1969, Head Start, and community  
22           center shall post information about these rights in a prominent  
23           place and on their websites, if applicable.

24           (c) The Department of Public Health shall adopt rules to  
25           implement this Section.

26           (d) Nothing in this Section or any rules adopted under

1 subsection (c) shall be construed to require a physician,  
2 health care professional, hospital, hospital affiliate, or  
3 health care provider to provide care inconsistent with  
4 generally accepted medical standards or available capabilities  
5 or resources.

6 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect January  
7 1, 2020.