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AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 356

AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend House Bill 356 by replacing everything after the enacting clause with the following:

"Section 5. The Nursing Home Care Act is amended by changing Section 3-206 as follows:

(210 ILCS 45/3-206) (from Ch. 111 1/2, par. 4153-206)

Sec. 3-206. The Department shall prescribe a curriculum for training nursing assistants, habilitation aides, and child care aides.

(a) No person, except a volunteer who receives no compensation from a facility and is not included for the purpose of meeting any staffing requirements set forth by the Department, shall act as a nursing assistant, habilitation aide, or child care aide in a facility, nor shall any person, under any other title, not licensed, certified, or registered to render medical care by the Department of Financial and

Professional Regulation, assist with the personal, medical, or nursing care of residents in a facility, unless such person meets the following requirements:

(1) Be at least 16 years of age, of temperate habits and good moral character, honest, reliable and trustworthy.

(2) Be able to speak and understand the English language or a language understood by a substantial percentage of the facility's residents.

(3) Provide evidence of employment or occupation, if any, and residence for 2 years prior to his present employment.

(4) Have completed at least 8 years of grade school or provide proof of equivalent knowledge.

(5) Begin a current course of training for nursing assistants, habilitation aides, or child care aides, approved by the Department, within 45 days of initial employment in the capacity of a nursing assistant, habilitation aide, or child care aide at any facility. Such courses of training shall be successfully completed within 120 days of initial employment in the capacity of nursing assistant, habilitation aide, or child care aide at a facility. Nursing assistants, habilitation aides, and child care aides who are enrolled in approved courses in community colleges or other educational institutions on a term, semester or trimester basis, shall be exempt from the

120-day completion time limit. The Department shall adopt rules for such courses of training. These rules shall include procedures for facilities to carry on an approved course of training within the facility. The Department shall allow an individual to satisfy the supervised clinical experience requirement for placement on the Health Care Worker Registry under 77 Ill. Adm. Code 300.663 through supervised clinical experience at an assisted living establishment licensed under the Assisted Living and Shared Housing Act. The Department shall adopt rules requiring that the Health Care Worker Registry include information identifying where an individual on the Health Care Worker Registry received his or her clinical training.

The Department may accept comparable training in lieu of the 120-hour course for student nurses, foreign nurses, military personnel, or employees of the Department of Human Services.

The Department shall accept on-the-job experience in lieu of clinical training from any individual who participated in the temporary nursing assistant program during the COVID-19 pandemic before the end date of the temporary nursing assistant program and left the program in good standing, and the Department shall notify all approved certified nurse assistant training programs in the State of this requirement. The individual shall receive one hour of credit for every hour employed as a temporary nursing

assistant, up to 40 total hours, and shall be permitted 90 days after the end date of the temporary nursing assistant program to enroll in an approved certified nursing assistant training program and 240 days to successfully complete the certified nursing assistant training program. Temporary nursing assistants who enroll in a certified nursing assistant training program within 90 days of the end of the temporary nursing assistant program may continue to work as a nursing assistant for up to 240 days after enrollment in the certified nursing assistant training program. As used in this Section, "temporary nursing assistant program" means the program implemented by the Department of Public Health by emergency rule, as listed in 44 Ill. Reg. 7936, effective April 21, 2020.

The facility shall develop and implement procedures, which shall be approved by the Department, for an ongoing review process, which shall take place within the facility, for nursing assistants, habilitation aides, and child care aides.

At the time of each regularly scheduled licensure survey, or at the time of a complaint investigation, the Department may require any nursing assistant, habilitation aide, or child care aide to demonstrate, either through written examination or action, or both, sufficient knowledge in all areas of required training. If such knowledge is inadequate the Department shall require the

nursing assistant, habilitation aide, or child care aide to complete inservice training and review in the facility until the nursing assistant, habilitation aide, or child care aide demonstrates to the Department, either through written examination or action, or both, sufficient knowledge in all areas of required training.

(6) Be familiar with and have general skills related to resident care.

(a-0.5) An educational entity, other than a secondary school, conducting a nursing assistant, habilitation aide, or child care aide training program shall initiate a criminal history record check in accordance with the Health Care Worker Background Check Act prior to entry of an individual into the training program. A secondary school may initiate a criminal history record check in accordance with the Health Care Worker Background Check Act at any time during or after a training program.

(a-1) Nursing assistants, habilitation aides, or child care aides seeking to be included on the Health Care Worker Registry under the Health Care Worker Background Check Act on or after January 1, 1996 must authorize the Department of Public Health or its designee to request a criminal history record check in accordance with the Health Care Worker Background Check Act and submit all necessary information. An individual may not newly be included on the Health Care Worker Registry unless a criminal history record check has been

conducted with respect to the individual.

(b) Persons subject to this Section shall perform their duties under the supervision of a licensed nurse.

(c) It is unlawful for any facility to employ any person in the capacity of nursing assistant, habilitation aide, or child care aide, or under any other title, not licensed by the State of Illinois to assist in the personal, medical, or nursing care of residents in such facility unless such person has complied with this Section.

(d) Proof of compliance by each employee with the requirements set out in this Section shall be maintained for each such employee by each facility in the individual personnel folder of the employee. Proof of training shall be obtained only from the Health Care Worker Registry.

(e) Each facility shall obtain access to the Health Care Worker Registry's web application, maintain the employment and demographic information relating to each employee, and verify by the category and type of employment that each employee subject to this Section meets all the requirements of this Section.

(f) Any facility that is operated under Section 3-803 shall be exempt from the requirements of this Section.

(g) Each skilled nursing and intermediate care facility that admits persons who are diagnosed as having Alzheimer's disease or related dementias shall require all nursing assistants, habilitation aides, or child care aides, who did

not receive 12 hours of training in the care and treatment of such residents during the training required under paragraph (5) of subsection (a), to obtain 12 hours of in-house training in the care and treatment of such residents. If the facility does not provide the training in-house, the training shall be obtained from other facilities, community colleges or other educational institutions that have a recognized course for such training. The Department shall, by rule, establish a recognized course for such training. The Department's rules shall provide that such training may be conducted in-house at each facility subject to the requirements of this subsection, in which case such training shall be monitored by the Department.

The Department's rules shall also provide for circumstances and procedures whereby any person who has received training that meets the requirements of this subsection shall not be required to undergo additional training if he or she is transferred to or obtains employment at a different facility or a facility other than a long-term care facility but remains continuously employed for pay as a nursing assistant, habilitation aide, or child care aide. Individuals who have performed no nursing or nursing-related services for a period of 24 consecutive months shall be listed as "inactive" and as such do not meet the requirements of this Section. Licensed sheltered care facilities shall be exempt from the requirements of this Section.

An individual employed during the COVID-19 pandemic as a

nursing assistant in accordance with any Executive Orders, emergency rules, or policy memoranda related to COVID-19 shall be assumed to meet competency standards and may continue to be employed as a certified nurse assistant when the pandemic ends and the Executive Orders or emergency rules lapse. Such individuals shall be listed on the Department's Health Care Worker Registry website as "active".

(Source: P.A. 100-297, eff. 8-24-17; 100-432, eff. 8-25-17; 100-863, eff. 8-14-18.)

Section 10. The Illinois Public Aid Code is amended by adding Section 5A-2.1 as follows:

(305 ILCS 5/5A-2.1 new)

Sec. 5A-2.1. Continuation of Section 5A-2 of this Code; validation.

(a) The General Assembly finds and declares that:

(1) Public Act 101-650, which took effect on July 7, 2020, contained provisions that would have changed the repeal date for Section 5A-2 of this Act from July 1, 2020 to December 31, 2022.

(2) The Statute on Statutes sets forth general rules on the repeal of statutes and the construction of multiple amendments, but Section 1 of that Act also states that these rules will not be observed when the result would be "inconsistent with the manifest intent of the General

Assembly or repugnant to the context of the statute".

(3) This amendatory Act of the 101st General Assembly manifests the intention of the General Assembly to extend the repeal date for Section 5A-2 of this Code and have Section 5A-2 of this Code, as amended by Public Act 101-650, continue in effect until December 31, 2022.

(b) Any construction of this Code that results in the repeal of Section 5A-2 of this Code on July 1, 2020 would be inconsistent with the manifest intent of the General Assembly and repugnant to the context of this Code.

(c) It is hereby declared to have been the intent of the General Assembly that Section 5A-2 of this Code shall not be subject to repeal on July 1, 2020.

(d) Section 5A-2 of this Code shall be deemed to have been in continuous effect since July 8, 1992 (the effective date of Public Act 87-861), and it shall continue to be in effect, as amended by Public Act 101-650, until it is otherwise lawfully amended or repealed. All previously enacted amendments to the Section taking effect on or after July 8, 1992, are hereby validated.

(e) In order to ensure the continuing effectiveness of Section 5A-2 of this Code, that Section is set forth in full and reenacted by this amendatory Act of the 101st General Assembly. In this amendatory Act of the 101st General Assembly, the base text of the reenacted Section is set forth as amended by Public Act 101-650.

(f) All actions of the Illinois Department or any other person or entity taken in reliance on or pursuant to Section 5A-2 of this Code are hereby validated.

Section 15. The Illinois Public Aid Code is amended by reenacting Section 5A-2 as follows:

(305 ILCS 5/5A-2) (from Ch. 23, par. 5A-2)

Sec. 5A-2. Assessment.

(a)(1) Subject to Sections 5A-3 and 5A-10, for State fiscal years 2009 through 2018, or as long as continued under Section 5A-16, an annual assessment on inpatient services is imposed on each hospital provider in an amount equal to $218.38 multiplied by the difference of the hospital's occupied bed days less the hospital's Medicare bed days, provided, however, that the amount of $218.38 shall be increased by a uniform percentage to generate an amount equal to 75% of the State share of the payments authorized under Section 5A-12.5, with such increase only taking effect upon the date that a State share for such payments is required under federal law. For the period of April through June 2015, the amount of $218.38 used to calculate the assessment under this paragraph shall, by emergency rule under subsection (s) of Section 5-45 of the Illinois Administrative Procedure Act, be increased by a uniform percentage to generate $20,250,000 in the aggregate for that period from all hospitals subject to the annual assessment under this paragraph.

(2) In addition to any other assessments imposed under this Article, effective July 1, 2016 and semi-annually thereafter through June 2018, or as provided in Section 5A-16, in addition to any federally required State share as authorized under paragraph (1), the amount of $218.38 shall be increased by a uniform percentage to generate an amount equal to 75% of the ACA Assessment Adjustment, as defined in subsection (b-6) of this Section.

For State fiscal years 2009 through 2018, or as provided in Section 5A-16, a hospital's occupied bed days and Medicare bed days shall be determined using the most recent data available from each hospital's 2005 Medicare cost report as contained in the Healthcare Cost Report Information System file, for the quarter ending on December 31, 2006, without regard to any subsequent adjustments or changes to such data. If a hospital's 2005 Medicare cost report is not contained in the Healthcare Cost Report Information System, then the Illinois Department may obtain the hospital provider's occupied bed days and Medicare bed days from any source available, including, but not limited to, records maintained by the hospital provider, which may be inspected at all times during business hours of the day by the Illinois Department or its duly authorized agents and employees.

(3) Subject to Sections 5A-3, 5A-10, and 5A-16, for State fiscal years 2019 and 2020, an annual assessment on inpatient services is imposed on each hospital provider in an amount

equal to $197.19 multiplied by the difference of the hospital's occupied bed days less the hospital's Medicare bed days. For State fiscal years 2019 and 2020, a hospital's occupied bed days and Medicare bed days shall be determined using the most recent data available from each hospital's 2015 Medicare cost report as contained in the Healthcare Cost Report Information System file, for the quarter ending on March 31, 2017, without regard to any subsequent adjustments or changes to such data. If a hospital's 2015 Medicare cost report is not contained in the Healthcare Cost Report Information System, then the Illinois Department may obtain the hospital provider's occupied bed days and Medicare bed days from any source available, including, but not limited to, records maintained by the hospital provider, which may be inspected at all times during business hours of the day by the Illinois Department or its duly authorized agents and employees. Notwithstanding any other provision in this Article, for a hospital provider that did not have a 2015 Medicare cost report, but paid an assessment in State fiscal year 2018 on the basis of hypothetical data, that assessment amount shall be used for State fiscal years 2019 and 2020.

(4) Subject to Sections 5A-3 and 5A-10, for the period of July 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020 and calendar years 2021 and 2022, an annual assessment on inpatient services is imposed on each hospital provider in an amount equal to $221.50 multiplied by the difference of the hospital's occupied bed

days less the hospital's Medicare bed days, provided however: for the period of July 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020, (i) the assessment shall be equal to 50% of the annual amount; and (ii) the amount of $221.50 shall be retroactively adjusted by a uniform percentage to generate an amount equal to 50% of the Assessment Adjustment, as defined in subsection (b-7). For the period of July 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020 and calendar years 2021 and 2022, a hospital's occupied bed days and Medicare bed days shall be determined using the most recent data available from each hospital's 2015 Medicare cost report as contained in the Healthcare Cost Report Information System file, for the quarter ending on March 31, 2017, without regard to any subsequent adjustments or changes to such data. If a hospital's 2015 Medicare cost report is not contained in the Healthcare Cost Report Information System, then the Illinois Department may obtain the hospital provider's occupied bed days and Medicare bed days from any source available, including, but not limited to, records maintained by the hospital provider, which may be inspected at all times during business hours of the day by the Illinois Department or its duly authorized agents and employees. Should the change in the assessment methodology for fiscal years 2021 through December 31, 2022 not be approved on or before June 30, 2020, the assessment and payments under this Article in effect for fiscal year 2020 shall remain in place until the new assessment is approved. If the assessment methodology for July 1, 2020 through December

31, 2022, is approved on or after July 1, 2020, it shall be retroactive to July 1, 2020, subject to federal approval and provided that the payments authorized under Section 5A-12.7 have the same effective date as the new assessment methodology. In giving retroactive effect to the assessment approved after June 30, 2020, credit toward the new assessment shall be given for any payments of the previous assessment for periods after June 30, 2020. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Article, for a hospital provider that did not have a 2015 Medicare cost report, but paid an assessment in State Fiscal Year 2020 on the basis of hypothetical data, the data that was the basis for the 2020 assessment shall be used to calculate the assessment under this paragraph.

(b) (Blank).

(b-5)(1) Subject to Sections 5A-3 and 5A-10, for the portion of State fiscal year 2012, beginning June 10, 2012 through June 30, 2012, and for State fiscal years 2013 through 2018, or as provided in Section 5A-16, an annual assessment on outpatient services is imposed on each hospital provider in an amount equal to .008766 multiplied by the hospital's outpatient gross revenue, provided, however, that the amount of .008766 shall be increased by a uniform percentage to generate an amount equal to 25% of the State share of the payments authorized under Section 5A-12.5, with such increase only taking effect upon the date that a State share for such payments is required under federal law. For the period

beginning June 10, 2012 through June 30, 2012, the annual assessment on outpatient services shall be prorated by multiplying the assessment amount by a fraction, the numerator of which is 21 days and the denominator of which is 365 days. For the period of April through June 2015, the amount of .008766 used to calculate the assessment under this paragraph shall, by emergency rule under subsection (s) of Section 5-45 of the Illinois Administrative Procedure Act, be increased by a uniform percentage to generate $6,750,000 in the aggregate for that period from all hospitals subject to the annual assessment under this paragraph.

(2) In addition to any other assessments imposed under this Article, effective July 1, 2016 and semi-annually thereafter through June 2018, in addition to any federally required State share as authorized under paragraph (1), the amount of .008766 shall be increased by a uniform percentage to generate an amount equal to 25% of the ACA Assessment Adjustment, as defined in subsection (b-6) of this Section.

For the portion of State fiscal year 2012, beginning June 10, 2012 through June 30, 2012, and State fiscal years 2013 through 2018, or as provided in Section 5A-16, a hospital's outpatient gross revenue shall be determined using the most recent data available from each hospital's 2009 Medicare cost report as contained in the Healthcare Cost Report Information System file, for the quarter ending on June 30, 2011, without regard to any subsequent adjustments or changes to such data.

If a hospital's 2009 Medicare cost report is not contained in the Healthcare Cost Report Information System, then the Department may obtain the hospital provider's outpatient gross revenue from any source available, including, but not limited to, records maintained by the hospital provider, which may be inspected at all times during business hours of the day by the Department or its duly authorized agents and employees.

(3) Subject to Sections 5A-3, 5A-10, and 5A-16, for State fiscal years 2019 and 2020, an annual assessment on outpatient services is imposed on each hospital provider in an amount equal to .01358 multiplied by the hospital's outpatient gross revenue. For State fiscal years 2019 and 2020, a hospital's outpatient gross revenue shall be determined using the most recent data available from each hospital's 2015 Medicare cost report as contained in the Healthcare Cost Report Information System file, for the quarter ending on March 31, 2017, without regard to any subsequent adjustments or changes to such data. If a hospital's 2015 Medicare cost report is not contained in the Healthcare Cost Report Information System, then the Department may obtain the hospital provider's outpatient gross revenue from any source available, including, but not limited to, records maintained by the hospital provider, which may be inspected at all times during business hours of the day by the Department or its duly authorized agents and employees. Notwithstanding any other provision in this Article, for a hospital provider that did not have a 2015 Medicare cost

report, but paid an assessment in State fiscal year 2018 on the basis of hypothetical data, that assessment amount shall be used for State fiscal years 2019 and 2020.

(4) Subject to Sections 5A-3 and 5A-10, for the period of July 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020 and calendar years 2021 and 2022, an annual assessment on outpatient services is imposed on each hospital provider in an amount equal to .01525 multiplied by the hospital's outpatient gross revenue, provided however: (i) for the period of July 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020, the assessment shall be equal to 50% of the annual amount; and (ii) the amount of .01525 shall be retroactively adjusted by a uniform percentage to generate an amount equal to 50% of the Assessment Adjustment, as defined in subsection (b-7). For the period of July 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020 and calendar years 2021 and 2022, a hospital's outpatient gross revenue shall be determined using the most recent data available from each hospital's 2015 Medicare cost report as contained in the Healthcare Cost Report Information System file, for the quarter ending on March 31, 2017, without regard to any subsequent adjustments or changes to such data. If a hospital's 2015 Medicare cost report is not contained in the Healthcare Cost Report Information System, then the Illinois Department may obtain the hospital provider's outpatient revenue data from any source available, including, but not limited to, records maintained by the hospital provider, which may be inspected at all times during business

hours of the day by the Illinois Department or its duly authorized agents and employees. Should the change in the assessment methodology above for fiscal years 2021 through calendar year 2022 not be approved prior to July 1, 2020, the assessment and payments under this Article in effect for fiscal year 2020 shall remain in place until the new assessment is approved. If the change in the assessment methodology above for July 1, 2020 through December 31, 2022, is approved after June 30, 2020, it shall have a retroactive effective date of July 1, 2020, subject to federal approval and provided that the payments authorized under Section 12A-7 have the same effective date as the new assessment methodology. In giving retroactive effect to the assessment approved after June 30, 2020, credit toward the new assessment shall be given for any payments of the previous assessment for periods after June 30, 2020. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Article, for a hospital provider that did not have a 2015 Medicare cost report, but paid an assessment in State Fiscal Year 2020 on the basis of hypothetical data, the data that was the basis for the 2020 assessment shall be used to calculate the assessment under this paragraph.

(b-6)(1) As used in this Section, "ACA Assessment Adjustment" means:

(A) For the period of July 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016, the product of .19125 multiplied by the sum of the fee-for-service payments to hospitals as authorized under

Section 5A-12.5 and the adjustments authorized under subsection (t) of Section 5A-12.2 to managed care organizations for hospital services due and payable in the month of April 2016 multiplied by 6.

(B) For the period of January 1, 2017 through June 30, 2017, the product of .19125 multiplied by the sum of the fee-for-service payments to hospitals as authorized under Section 5A-12.5 and the adjustments authorized under subsection (t) of Section 5A-12.2 to managed care organizations for hospital services due and payable in the month of October 2016 multiplied by 6, except that the amount calculated under this subparagraph (B) shall be adjusted, either positively or negatively, to account for the difference between the actual payments issued under Section 5A-12.5 for the period beginning July 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016 and the estimated payments due and payable in the month of April 2016 multiplied by 6 as described in subparagraph (A).

(C) For the period of July 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017, the product of .19125 multiplied by the sum of the fee-for-service payments to hospitals as authorized under Section 5A-12.5 and the adjustments authorized under subsection (t) of Section 5A-12.2 to managed care organizations for hospital services due and payable in the month of April 2017 multiplied by 6, except that the amount calculated under this subparagraph (C) shall be adjusted,

either positively or negatively, to account for the difference between the actual payments issued under Section 5A-12.5 for the period beginning January 1, 2017 through June 30, 2017 and the estimated payments due and payable in the month of October 2016 multiplied by 6 as described in subparagraph (B).

(D) For the period of January 1, 2018 through June 30, 2018, the product of .19125 multiplied by the sum of the fee-for-service payments to hospitals as authorized under Section 5A-12.5 and the adjustments authorized under subsection (t) of Section 5A-12.2 to managed care organizations for hospital services due and payable in the month of October 2017 multiplied by 6, except that:

(i) the amount calculated under this subparagraph (D) shall be adjusted, either positively or negatively, to account for the difference between the actual payments issued under Section 5A-12.5 for the period of July 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017 and the estimated payments due and payable in the month of April 2017 multiplied by 6 as described in subparagraph (C); and

(ii) the amount calculated under this subparagraph (D) shall be adjusted to include the product of .19125 multiplied by the sum of the fee-for-service payments, if any, estimated to be paid to hospitals under subsection (b) of Section 5A-12.5.

(2) The Department shall complete and apply a final reconciliation of the ACA Assessment Adjustment prior to June 30, 2018 to account for:

(A) any differences between the actual payments issued or scheduled to be issued prior to June 30, 2018 as authorized in Section 5A-12.5 for the period of January 1, 2018 through June 30, 2018 and the estimated payments due and payable in the month of October 2017 multiplied by 6 as described in subparagraph (D); and

(B) any difference between the estimated fee-for-service payments under subsection (b) of Section 5A-12.5 and the amount of such payments that are actually scheduled to be paid.

The Department shall notify hospitals of any additional amounts owed or reduction credits to be applied to the June 2018 ACA Assessment Adjustment. This is to be considered the final reconciliation for the ACA Assessment Adjustment.

(3) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Section, if for any reason the scheduled payments under subsection (b) of Section 5A-12.5 are not issued in full by the final day of the period authorized under subsection (b) of Section 5A-12.5, funds collected from each hospital pursuant to subparagraph (D) of paragraph (1) and pursuant to paragraph (2), attributable to the scheduled payments authorized under subsection (b) of Section 5A-12.5 that are not issued in full by the final day of the period attributable to each payment authorized under

subsection (b) of Section 5A-12.5, shall be refunded.

(4) The increases authorized under paragraph (2) of subsection (a) and paragraph (2) of subsection (b-5) shall be limited to the federally required State share of the total payments authorized under Section 5A-12.5 if the sum of such payments yields an annualized amount equal to or less than $450,000,000, or if the adjustments authorized under subsection (t) of Section 5A-12.2 are found not to be actuarially sound; however, this limitation shall not apply to the fee-for-service payments described in subsection (b) of Section 5A-12.5.

(b-7)(1) As used in this Section, "Assessment Adjustment" means:

(A) For the period of July 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020, the product of .3853 multiplied by the total of the actual payments made under subsections (c) through (k) of Section 5A-12.7 attributable to the period, less the total of the assessment imposed under subsections (a) and (b-5) of this Section for the period.

(B) For each calendar quarter beginning on and after January 1, 2021, the product of .3853 multiplied by the total of the actual payments made under subsections (c) through (k) of Section 5A-12.7 attributable to the period, less the total of the assessment imposed under subsections (a) and (b-5) of this Section for the period.

(2) The Department shall calculate and notify each hospital

of the total Assessment Adjustment and any additional assessment owed by the hospital or refund owed to the hospital on either a semi-annual or annual basis. Such notice shall be issued at least 30 days prior to any period in which the assessment will be adjusted. Any additional assessment owed by the hospital or refund owed to the hospital shall be uniformly applied to the assessment owed by the hospital in monthly installments for the subsequent semi-annual period or calendar year. If no assessment is owed in the subsequent year, any amount owed by the hospital or refund due to the hospital, shall be paid in a lump sum.

(3) The Department shall publish all details of the Assessment Adjustment calculation performed each year on its website within 30 days of completing the calculation, and also submit the details of the Assessment Adjustment calculation as part of the Department's annual report to the General Assembly.

(c) (Blank).

(d) Notwithstanding any of the other provisions of this Section, the Department is authorized to adopt rules to reduce the rate of any annual assessment imposed under this Section, as authorized by Section 5-46.2 of the Illinois Administrative Procedure Act.

(e) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Section, any plan providing for an assessment on a hospital provider as a permissible tax under Title XIX of the federal Social Security Act and Medicaid-eligible payments to hospital

providers from the revenues derived from that assessment shall be reviewed by the Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services, as the Single State Medicaid Agency required by federal law, to determine whether those assessments and hospital provider payments meet federal Medicaid standards. If the Department determines that the elements of the plan may meet federal Medicaid standards and a related State Medicaid Plan Amendment is prepared in a manner and form suitable for submission, that State Plan Amendment shall be submitted in a timely manner for review by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services of the United States Department of Health and Human Services and subject to approval by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services of the United States Department of Health and Human Services. No such plan shall become effective without approval by the Illinois General Assembly by the enactment into law of related legislation. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Section, the Department is authorized to adopt rules to reduce the rate of any annual assessment imposed under this Section. Any such rules may be adopted by the Department under Section 5-50 of the Illinois Administrative Procedure Act.

(Source: P.A. 100-581, eff. 3-12-18; 101-10, eff. 6-5-19; 101-650, eff. 7-7-20.)

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