



101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2019 and 2020

HB4133

Introduced 1/22/2020, by Rep. Keith R. Wheeler

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

305 ILCS 5/5-5.25

Amends the Medical Assistance Article of the Illinois Public Aid Code. Provides that the Department of Healthcare and Family Services shall reimburse epilepsy specialists, as defined by the Department by rule, who are authorized by Illinois law to provide epilepsy treatment services to persons with epilepsy or related disorders via telehealth. Provides that the Department shall establish, by rule, a method to reimburse providers for epilepsy treatment services provided by telehealth. Effective immediately.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT
MAY APPLY

A BILL FOR

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 changing Section 5-5.25 as follows:

6 (305 ILCS 5/5-5.25)

7 Sec. 5-5.25. Access to behavioral health, ~~and~~ medical, and
8 epilepsy treatment services.

9 (a) The General Assembly finds that providing access to
10 behavioral health, ~~and~~ medical, and epilepsy treatment
11 services in a timely manner will improve the quality of life
12 for persons suffering from illness and will contain health care
13 costs by avoiding the need for more costly inpatient
14 hospitalization.

15 (b) The Department of Healthcare and Family Services shall
16 reimburse psychiatrists, federally qualified health centers as
17 defined in Section 1905(1)(2)(B) of the federal Social Security
18 Act, clinical psychologists, clinical social workers, advanced
19 practice registered nurses certified in psychiatric and mental
20 health nursing, and mental health professionals and clinicians
21 authorized by Illinois law to provide behavioral health
22 services to recipients via telehealth. The Department shall
23 reimburse epilepsy specialists, as defined by the Department by

1 rule, who are authorized by Illinois law to provide epilepsy
2 treatment services to persons with epilepsy or related
3 disorders via telehealth. The Department, by rule, shall
4 establish: (i) criteria for such services to be reimbursed,
5 including appropriate facilities and equipment to be used at
6 both sites and requirements for a physician or other licensed
7 health care professional to be present at the site where the
8 patient is located; however, the Department shall not require
9 that a physician or other licensed health care professional be
10 physically present in the same room as the patient for the
11 entire time during which the patient is receiving telehealth
12 services; ~~and~~ (ii) a method to reimburse providers for mental
13 health services provided by telehealth; and (iii) a method to
14 reimburse providers for epilepsy treatment services provided
15 by telehealth.

16 (c) The Department shall reimburse any Medicaid certified
17 eligible facility or provider organization that acts as the
18 location of the patient at the time a telehealth service is
19 rendered, including substance abuse centers licensed by the
20 Department of Human Services' Division of Alcoholism and
21 Substance Abuse.

22 (d) On and after July 1, 2012, the Department shall reduce
23 any rate of reimbursement for services or other payments or
24 alter any methodologies authorized by this Code to reduce any
25 rate of reimbursement for services or other payments in
26 accordance with Section 5-5e.

1 (Source: P.A. 100-385, eff. 1-1-18; 100-790, eff. 8-10-18;
2 100-1019, eff. 1-1-19; 101-81, eff. 7-12-19.)

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