



101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2019 and 2020

HB4798

Introduced 2/18/2020, by Rep. Maurice A. West, II

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

20 ILCS 105/8.07a new

Amends the Illinois Act on Aging. Provides that subject to appropriations, any person who is not otherwise eligible for services provided under the Community Care Program may qualify for emergency home response services if the person: (1) is 80 years of age or older; (2) lives independently; (3) is a U.S. citizen or legal alien; (4) is a resident of this State; and (4) does not own interest in non-exempt assets having a combined value in excess of \$17,500. Provides that a person's home, vehicle, and personal belongings shall not be considered when determining the amount of his or her assets. Provides that the Department on Aging, or an organization designated by the Department, shall make eligibility determinations. Provides that a determination of need assessment is required for any person who is otherwise eligible for emergency home response services through the Community Care Program. Provides that any person who qualifies for emergency home response services under the amendatory Act shall have an emergency home response system installed in his or her home at no cost. Defines, "emergency home response system" to mean a two-way voice communication system consisting of a base unit and an activation device worn by the older adult that will automatically link the older adult to a professionally staffed support center.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT
MAY APPLY

A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning State government.

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

4 Section 5. The Illinois Act on the Aging is amended by
5 adding Section 8.07a as follows:

6 (20 ILCS 105/8.07a new)

7 Sec. 8.07a. Emergency home response services; eligibility
8 expansion.

9 (a) As used in this Section, "emergency home response
10 system" means a two-way voice communication system consisting
11 of a base unit and an activation device worn by the older adult
12 that will automatically link the older adult to a
13 professionally staffed support center.

14 (b) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Act to the
15 contrary, subject to appropriations, any person who is not
16 otherwise eligible for services provided under the Community
17 Care Program may qualify for emergency home response services
18 if the person meets all of the following criteria:

19 (1) Is 80 years of age or older.

20 (2) Lives independently.

21 (3) Is a U.S. citizen or legal alien.

22 (4) Is a resident of this State.

23 (5) Does not own interest in non-exempt assets having a

1 combined value in excess of \$17,500. For the purpose of
2 determining the amount of an individual's assets, the
3 following assets shall be considered exempt and not
4 counted:

5 (A) the person's primary residence, including its
6 furnishings and contents and all contiguous property
7 on which it is situated;

8 (B) vehicles, except those used primarily for
9 recreation; and

10 (C) personal property.

11 (c) The Department, or an organization designated by the
12 Department, shall determine the eligibility of persons
13 applying for emergency home response services provided under
14 this Section. A determination of need assessment shall be
15 required for any person who is otherwise eligible for emergency
16 home response services through the Community Care Program.

17 (d) Any person who qualifies for emergency home response
18 services under this Section shall have an emergency home
19 response system installed in his or her home at no cost.