1 AN ACT concerning public aid.

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

- Section 5. The Illinois Public Aid Code is amended by changing Section 5-5.25 as follows:
- 6 (305 ILCS 5/5-5.25)

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- Sec. 5-5.25. Access to behavioral health, and medical, and 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
 13 care costs by avoiding the need for more costly inpatient
 14 hospitalization.
 - (b) The Department of Healthcare and Family Services shall reimburse psychiatrists, federally qualified health centers as defined in Section 1905(1)(2)(B) of the federal Social Security Act, clinical psychologists, clinical social workers, advanced practice registered nurses certified in psychiatric and mental health nursing, and mental health professionals and clinicians authorized by Illinois law to provide behavioral health services to recipients via telehealth. The Department shall reimburse epilepsy specialists, as defined by the

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- (c) The Department shall reimburse any Medicaid certified eligible facility or provider organization that acts as the location of the patient at the time a telehealth service is rendered, including substance abuse centers licensed by the Department of Human Services' Division of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse.
- (d) On and after July 1, 2012, the Department shall reduce any rate of reimbursement for services or other payments or alter any methodologies authorized by this Code to reduce any rate of reimbursement for services or other payments in accordance with Section 5-5e.

- (Source: P.A. 100-385, eff. 1-1-18; 100-790, eff. 8-10-18; 1
- 100-1019, eff. 1-1-19; 101-81, eff. 7-12-19.) 2
- Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon 3
- becoming law. 4