



## 102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### State of Illinois

2021 and 2022

HB3155

Introduced 2/19/2021, by Rep. Lakesia Collins

#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

410 ILCS 50/8 new

Amends the Medical Patient Rights Act. Requires that, during the pendency of a proclamation issued by the Governor under the Illinois Emergency Management Agency Act declaring that a public health-related emergency exists, a health professional: shall permit people eligible for critical or intensive care services to remain eligible regardless of a patient's age or disability; shall provide individual patient assessments based on the best available objective medical evidence; shall not deny a patient's care based on stereotypes, assessments of a patient's quality of life, or assessments related to disability or other identity factor; and shall not make decisions on health care resources based on age, ancestry, color, creed, disability, domestic partnership or civil union status, ethnicity, gender identity or expression, health insurance status, marital status, national origin, nationality, place of residence, race, sex, sexual orientation, or socioeconomic status if the characteristics are not relevant to the patient's medical diagnosis and treatment. Defines "health professional". Effective immediately.

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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 8 as follows:

6 (410 ILCS 50/8 new)

7 Sec. 8. Equity in health care during public health  
8 emergencies.

9 (a) In this Section, "health professional" means a  
10 physician, physician assistant, nurse practitioner, a  
11 registered professional nurse, advanced practice registered  
12 nurse, emergency medical technician, or other individual  
13 appropriately licensed or registered to provide health care  
14 services.

15 (b) During the pendency of a proclamation issued by the  
16 Governor under the Illinois Emergency Management Agency Act  
17 declaring that a public health-related emergency exists, a  
18 health professional:

19 (1) shall permit people eligible for critical or  
20 intensive care services to remain eligible regardless of a  
21 patient's age or disability;

22 (2) shall provide individual patient assessments based  
23 on the best available objective medical evidence;

1           (3) shall not deny a patient's care based on  
2           stereotypes, assessments of a patient's quality of life,  
3           or assessments related to disability or other identity  
4           factor; and

5           (4) shall not make decisions on health care resources  
6           based on age, ancestry, color, creed, disability, domestic  
7           partnership or civil union status, ethnicity, gender  
8           identity or expression, health insurance status, marital  
9           status, national origin, nationality, place of residence,  
10           race, sex, sexual orientation, or socioeconomic status if  
11           the characteristics are not relevant to the patient's  
12           medical diagnosis and treatment.

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