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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

20 ILCS 105/4.02

from Ch. 23, par. 6104.02

Amends the Illinois Act on the Aging. Provides that, by January 1, 2024, the Department on Aging shall align the menu of services offered under the Community Care Program with the services offered under the Home Services Program administered by the Department of Human Services. Provides that the purpose of the amendatory Act is to ensure that persons 60 years of age and older who are enrolled in the Community Care Program have access to the same services available to persons 60 years of age and younger under the Home Services Program. Provides that nothing in the amendatory Act shall be construed to limit the Department on Aging from providing additional services under the Community Care Program beyond those services provided under the Home Services Program.

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AN ACT concerning State government.

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

4 Section 5. The Illinois Act on the Aging is amended by 5 changing Section 4.02 as follows:

6 (20 ILCS 105/4.02) (from Ch. 23, par. 6104.02)

7 Sec. 4.02. Community Care Program. The Department shall 8 establish a program of services to prevent unnecessary 9 institutionalization of persons age 60 and older in need of long term care or who are established as persons who suffer 10 from Alzheimer's disease or a related disorder under the 11 12 Alzheimer's Disease Assistance Act, thereby enabling them to 13 remain in their own homes or in other living arrangements. 14 Such preventive services, which may be coordinated with other programs for the aged and monitored by area agencies on aging 15 16 in cooperation with the Department, may include, but are not 17 limited to, any or all of the following:

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- (a) (blank);
- 19 (b) (blank);
- 20 (c) home care aide services;
- 21 (d) personal assistant services;
- 22 (e) adult day services;
- 23 (f) home-delivered meals;

1	(g) education in self-care;
2	(h) personal care services;
3	(i) adult day health services;
4	(j) habilitation services;
5	(k) respite care;
6	(k-5) community reintegration services;
7	(k-6) flexible senior services;
8	(k-7) medication management;
9	(k-8) emergency home response;
10	(1) other nonmedical social services that may enable
11	the person to become self-supporting; or
12	(m) clearinghouse for information provided by senior
13	citizen home owners who want to rent rooms to or share
14	living space with other senior citizens.
15	The Department shall establish eligibility standards for

16 such services. In determining the amount and nature of 17 services for which a person may qualify, consideration shall not be given to the value of cash, property or other assets 18 held in the name of the person's spouse pursuant to a written 19 20 agreement dividing marital property into equal but separate 21 shares or pursuant to a transfer of the person's interest in a 22 home to his spouse, provided that the spouse's share of the 23 marital property is not made available to the person seeking 24 such services.

25 Beginning January 1, 2008, the Department shall require as 26 a condition of eligibility that all new financially eligible 1 applicants apply for and enroll in medical assistance under 2 Article V of the Illinois Public Aid Code in accordance with 3 rules promulgated by the Department.

The Department shall, in conjunction with the Department 4 5 of Public Aid (now Department of Healthcare and Family Services), seek appropriate amendments under Sections 1915 and 6 1924 of the Social Security Act. The purpose of the amendments 7 8 shall be to extend eligibility for home and community based 9 services under Sections 1915 and 1924 of the Social Security 10 Act to persons who transfer to or for the benefit of a spouse those amounts of income and resources allowed under Section 11 12 1924 of the Social Security Act. Subject to the approval of such amendments, the Department shall extend the provisions of 13 14 Section 5-4 of the Illinois Public Aid Code to persons who, but 15 for the provision of home or community-based services, would 16 require the level of care provided in an institution, as is 17 provided for in federal law. Those persons no longer found to be eligible for receiving noninstitutional services due to 18 19 changes in the eligibility criteria shall be given 45 days 20 notice prior to actual termination. Those persons receiving 21 notice of termination may contact the Department and request 22 the determination be appealed at any time during the 45 day 23 notice period. The target population identified for the 24 purposes of this Section are persons age 60 and older with an 25 identified service need. Priority shall be given to those who are at imminent risk of institutionalization. The services 26

shall be provided to eligible persons age 60 and older to the 1 2 extent that the cost of the services together with the other personal maintenance expenses of the persons are reasonably 3 related to the standards established for care in a group 4 5 facility appropriate to the person's condition. These 6 non-institutional services, pilot projects or experimental facilities may be provided as part of or in addition to those 7 8 authorized by federal law or those funded and administered by 9 the Department of Human Services. The Departments of Human 10 Services, Healthcare and Family Services, Public Health, 11 Veterans' Affairs, and Commerce and Economic Opportunity and 12 other appropriate agencies of State, federal and local governments shall cooperate with the Department on Aging in 13 14 the establishment and development of the non-institutional 15 services. The Department shall require an annual audit from 16 all personal assistant and home care aide vendors contracting 17 with the Department under this Section. The annual audit shall assure that each audited vendor's procedures are in compliance 18 with Department's financial reporting guidelines requiring an 19 20 administrative and employee wage and benefits cost split as defined in administrative rules. The audit is a public record 21 22 under the Freedom of Information Act. The Department shall 23 execute, relative to the nursing home prescreening project, 24 written inter-agency agreements with the Department of Human 25 Services and the Department of Healthcare and Family Services, 26 to effect the following: (1) intake procedures and common

eligibility criteria for those persons who are receiving 1 2 non-institutional services; and (2) the establishment and development of non-institutional services in areas of the 3 State where they are not currently available 4 or are 5 undeveloped. On and after July 1, 1996, all nursing home prescreenings for individuals 60 years of age or older shall 6 7 be conducted by the Department.

As part of the Department on Aging's routine training of case managers and case manager supervisors, the Department may include information on family futures planning for persons who are age 60 or older and who are caregivers of their adult children with developmental disabilities. The content of the training shall be at the Department's discretion.

14 The Department is authorized to establish a system of 15 recipient copayment for services provided under this Section, 16 such copayment to be based upon the recipient's ability to pay 17 but in no case to exceed the actual cost of the services provided. Additionally, any portion of a person's income which 18 is equal to or less than the federal poverty standard shall not 19 20 be considered by the Department in determining the copayment. The level of such copayment shall be adjusted whenever 21 22 necessary to reflect any change in the officially designated 23 federal poverty standard.

The Department, or the Department's authorized representative, may recover the amount of moneys expended for services provided to or in behalf of a person under this

Section by a claim against the person's estate or against the 1 2 estate of the person's surviving spouse, but no recovery may be had until after the death of the surviving spouse, if any, 3 and then only at such time when there is no surviving child who 4 5 is under age 21 or blind or who has a permanent and total disability. This paragraph, however, shall not bar recovery, 6 7 at the death of the person, of moneys for services provided to 8 the person or in behalf of the person under this Section to 9 which the person was not entitled; provided that such recovery 10 shall not be enforced against any real estate while it is 11 occupied as a homestead by the surviving spouse or other 12 dependent, if no claims by other creditors have been filed against the estate, or, if such claims have been filed, they 13 remain dormant for failure of prosecution or failure of the 14 claimant to compel administration of the estate for the 15 16 purpose of payment. This paragraph shall not bar recovery from 17 the estate of a spouse, under Sections 1915 and 1924 of the Social Security Act and Section 5-4 of the Illinois Public Aid 18 19 Code, who precedes a person receiving services under this 20 Section in death. All moneys for services paid to or in behalf of the person under this Section shall be claimed for recovery 21 22 from the deceased spouse's estate. "Homestead", as used in 23 this paragraph, means the dwelling house and contiguous real estate occupied by a surviving spouse or relative, as defined 24 25 by the rules and regulations of the Department of Healthcare 26 and Family Services, regardless of the value of the property.

1 2 The Department shall increase the effectiveness of the existing Community Care Program by:

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(1) ensuring that in-home services included in the care plan are available on evenings and weekends;

5 (2) ensuring that care plans contain the services that 6 eligible participants need based on the number of days in 7 a month, not limited to specific blocks of time, as identified by the comprehensive assessment tool selected 8 9 by the Department for use statewide, not to exceed the 10 total monthly service cost maximum allowed for each 11 service; the Department shall develop administrative rules 12 to implement this item (2);

(3) ensuring that the participants have the right to choose the services contained in their care plan and to direct how those services are provided, based on administrative rules established by the Department;

17 (4) ensuring that the determination of need tool is accurate in determining the participants' level of need; 18 19 to achieve this, the Department, in conjunction with the 20 Older Adult Services Advisory Committee, shall institute a 21 study of the relationship between the Determination of 22 Need scores, level of need, service cost maximums, and the 23 development and utilization of service plans no later than 24 Mav 1, 2008; findings and recommendations shall be 25 presented to the Governor and the General Assembly no later than January 1, 2009; recommendations shall include 26

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1 all needed changes to the service cost maximums schedule 2 and additional covered services;

3 (5) ensuring that homemakers can provide personal care
4 services that may or may not involve contact with clients,
5 including but not limited to:

(A) bathing;

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- (B) grooming;
- (C) toileting;
- 9 (D) nail care;
- 10 (E) transferring;
- 11 (F) respiratory services;
- 12 (G) exercise; or
- 13 (H) positioning;

14 (6) ensuring that homemaker program vendors are not 15 restricted from hiring homemakers who are family members 16 of clients or recommended by clients; the Department may 17 not, by rule or policy, require homemakers who are family 18 members of clients or recommended by clients to accept 19 assignments in homes other than the client;

(7) ensuring that the State may access maximum federal matching funds by seeking approval for the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services for modifications to the State's home and community based services waiver and additional waiver opportunities, including applying for enrollment in the Balance Incentive Payment Program by May 1, 2013, in order to maximize federal matching funds; this HB2143

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shall include, but not be limited to, modification that reflects all changes in the Community Care Program services and all increases in the services cost maximum;

4 (8) ensuring that the determination of need tool
5 accurately reflects the service needs of individuals with
6 Alzheimer's disease and related dementia disorders;

7 (9) ensuring that services are authorized accurately and consistently for the Community Care Program (CCP); the 8 9 Department shall implement a Service Authorization policy 10 directive; the purpose shall be to ensure that eligibility 11 and services are authorized accurately and consistently in 12 the CCP program; the policy directive shall clarify 13 service authorization guidelines to Care Coordination 14 Units and Community Care Program providers no later than 15 May 1, 2013;

16 (10) working in conjunction with Care Coordination 17 Units, the Department of Healthcare and Family Services, the Department of Human Services, Community Care Program 18 19 providers, and other stakeholders to make improvements to 20 the Medicaid claiming processes and the Medicaid 21 enrollment procedures or requirements as needed, 22 including, but not limited to, specific policy changes or 23 rules to improve the up-front enrollment of participants 24 in the Medicaid program and specific policy changes or 25 rules to insure more prompt submission of bills to the 26 federal government to secure maximum federal matching HB2143

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dollars as promptly as possible; the Department on Aging shall have at least 3 meetings with stakeholders by January 1, 2014 in order to address these improvements;

4 (11) requiring home care service providers to comply 5 with the rounding of hours worked provisions under the 6 federal Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) and as set forth 7 in 29 CFR 785.48(b) by May 1, 2013;

8 (12) implementing any necessary policy changes or 9 promulgating any rules, no later than January 1, 2014, to 10 assist the Department of Healthcare and Family Services in 11 moving as many participants as possible, consistent with 12 federal regulations, into coordinated care plans if a care 13 coordination plan that covers long term care is available 14 in the recipient's area; and

15 (13) maintaining fiscal year 2014 rates at the same
16 level established on January 1, 2013.

17 By January 1, 2024, the Department on Aging shall align the menu of services offered under the Community Care Program 18 19 with the services offered under the Home Services Program under Section 3 of the Rehabilitation of Persons with 20 Disabilities Act. The purpose of this paragraph is to ensure 21 22 that persons 60 years of age and older who are enrolled in the 23 Community Care Program have access to the same services 24 available to persons 60 years of age and younger under the Home 25 Services Program. However, nothing in this paragraph shall be construed to limit the Department on Aging from providing 26

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additional services under the Community Care Program beyond those services provided under the Home Services Program.

3 By January 1, 2009 or as soon after the end of the Cash and Counseling Demonstration Project as is practicable, the 4 5 Department may, based on its evaluation of the demonstration project, promulgate rules concerning personal 6 assistant 7 services, to include, but need not be limited to, 8 qualifications, employment screening, rights under fair labor 9 standards, training, fiduciary agent, and supervision 10 requirements. All applicants shall be subject to the 11 provisions of the Health Care Worker Background Check Act.

12 The Department shall develop procedures to enhance 13 availability of services on evenings, weekends, and on an 14 emergency basis to meet the respite needs of caregivers. 15 Procedures shall be developed to permit the utilization of 16 services in successive blocks of 24 hours up to the monthly 17 maximum established by the Department. Workers providing these 18 services shall be appropriately trained.

Beginning on the effective date of this amendatory Act of 19 20 1991, no person may perform chore/housekeeping and home care aide services under a program authorized by this Section 21 22 unless that person has been issued a certificate of 23 pre-service to do so by his or her employing agency. Information gathered to effect such certification shall 24 include (i) the person's name, (ii) the date the person was 25 26 hired by his or her current employer, and (iii) the training,

including dates and levels. Persons engaged in the program 1 2 authorized by this Section before the effective date of this amendatory Act of 1991 shall be issued a certificate of all 3 pre- and in-service training from his or her employer upon 4 5 submitting the necessary information. The employing agency shall be required to retain records of all staff pre- and 6 in-service training, and shall provide such records to the 7 8 Department upon request and upon termination of the employer's 9 contract with the Department. In addition, the employing 10 agency is responsible for the issuance of certifications of 11 in-service training completed to their employees.

12 The Department is required to develop a system to ensure working as home care aides and 13 that persons personal assistants receive increases in their wages when the federal 14 15 minimum wage is increased by requiring vendors to certify that 16 they are meeting the federal minimum wage statute for home 17 care aides and personal assistants. An employer that cannot ensure that the minimum wage increase is being given to home 18 care aides and personal assistants shall be denied any 19 20 increase in reimbursement costs.

The Community Care Program Advisory Committee is created in the Department on Aging. The Director shall appoint individuals to serve in the Committee, who shall serve at their own expense. Members of the Committee must abide by all applicable ethics laws. The Committee shall advise the Department on issues related to the Department's program of

services to prevent unnecessary institutionalization. 1 The 2 Committee shall meet on a bi-monthly basis and shall serve to 3 identify and advise the Department on present and potential issues affecting the service delivery network, the program's 4 5 clients, and the Department and to recommend solution 6 strategies. Persons appointed to the Committee shall be 7 appointed on, but not limited to, their own and their agency's 8 experience with the program, geographic representation, and 9 willingness to serve. The Director shall appoint members to 10 the Committee to represent provider, advocacy, policy 11 research, and other constituencies committed to the delivery 12 of high quality home and community-based services to older shall be appointed to 13 adults. Representatives ensure 14 representation from community care providers including, but 15 not limited to, adult day service providers, homemaker 16 providers, case coordination and case management units, 17 emergency home response providers, statewide trade or labor unions that represent home care aides and direct care staff, 18 19 area agencies on aging, adults over age 60, membership 20 organizations representing older adults, and other organizational entities, providers of care, or individuals 21 22 with demonstrated interest and expertise in the field of home 23 and community care as determined by the Director.

Nominations may be presented from any agency or State association with interest in the program. The Director, or his or her designee, shall serve as the permanent co-chair of the

advisory committee. One other co-chair shall be nominated and 1 2 approved by the members of the committee on an annual basis. Committee members' terms of appointment shall be for 4 years 3 with one-quarter of the appointees' terms expiring each year. 4 5 A member shall continue to serve until his or her replacement is named. The Department shall fill vacancies that have a 6 7 remaining term of over one year, and this replacement shall 8 occur through the annual replacement of expiring terms. The 9 Director shall designate Department staff to provide technical 10 assistance and staff support to the committee. Department 11 representation shall not constitute membership of the 12 committee. All Committee papers, issues, recommendations, 13 reports, and meeting memoranda are advisory only. The Director, or his or her designee, shall make a written report, 14 as requested by the Committee, regarding issues before the 15 16 Committee.

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The Department on Aging and the Department of Human Services shall cooperate in the development and submission of an annual report on programs and services provided under this Section. Such joint report shall be filed with the Governor and the General Assembly on or before September 30 each year.

The requirement for reporting to the General Assembly shall be satisfied by filing copies of the report as required by Section 3.1 of the General Assembly Organization Act and filing such additional copies with the State Government Report Distribution Center for the General Assembly as is required HB2143 - 15 - LRB103 24938 KTG 51272 b

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under paragraph (t) of Section 7 of the State Library Act.

2 Those persons previously found eligible for receiving non-institutional services whose services were discontinued 3 under the Emergency Budget Act of Fiscal Year 1992, and who do 4 5 not meet the eligibility standards in effect on or after July 1, 1992, shall remain ineligible on and after July 1, 1992. 6 Those persons previously not required to cost-share and who 7 8 were required to cost-share effective March 1, 1992, shall 9 continue to meet cost-share requirements on and after July 1, 10 1992. Beginning July 1, 1992, all clients will be required to 11 meet eligibility, cost-share, and other requirements and will 12 have services discontinued or altered when they fail to meet these requirements. 13

For the purposes of this Section, "flexible senior services" refers to services that require one-time or periodic expenditures including, but not limited to, respite care, home modification, assistive technology, housing assistance, and transportation.

19 The Department shall implement an electronic service 20 verification based on global positioning systems or other 21 cost-effective technology for the Community Care Program no 22 later than January 1, 2014.

The Department shall require, as a condition of eligibility, enrollment in the medical assistance program under Article V of the Illinois Public Aid Code (i) beginning August 1, 2013, if the Auditor General has reported that the 1 to comply with Department has failed the reporting 2 requirements of Section 2-27 of the Illinois State Auditing Act; or (ii) beginning June 1, 2014, if the Auditor General has 3 reported that the Department has not undertaken the required 4 5 actions listed in the report required by subsection (a) of Section 2-27 of the Illinois State Auditing Act. 6

7 The Department shall delay Community Care Program services 8 applicant is determined eligible for until an medical 9 assistance under Article V of the Illinois Public Aid Code (i) 10 beginning August 1, 2013, if the Auditor General has reported 11 that the Department has failed to comply with the reporting 12 requirements of Section 2-27 of the Illinois State Auditing 13 Act; or (ii) beginning June 1, 2014, if the Auditor General has 14 reported that the Department has not undertaken the required 15 actions listed in the report required by subsection (a) of 16 Section 2-27 of the Illinois State Auditing Act.

17 Department shall implement co-payments for The the Community Care Program at the federally allowable maximum 18 level (i) beginning August 1, 2013, if the Auditor General has 19 reported that the Department has failed to comply with the 20 reporting requirements of Section 2-27 of the Illinois State 21 22 Auditing Act; or (ii) beginning June 1, 2014, if the Auditor 23 General has reported that the Department has not undertaken 24 required actions listed in the report required by the 25 subsection (a) of Section 2-27 of the Illinois State Auditing 26 Act.

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The Department shall continue to provide other Community
 Care Program reports as required by statute.

3 The Department shall conduct a quarterly review of Care to service Coordination Unit performance and adherence 4 5 guidelines. The quarterly review shall be reported to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Minority Leader 6 7 of the House of Representatives, the President of the Senate, 8 and the Minority Leader of the Senate. The Department shall 9 collect and report longitudinal data on the performance of 10 each care coordination unit. Nothing in this paragraph shall 11 be construed to require the Department to identify specific 12 care coordination units.

13 In regard to community care providers, failure to comply 14 with Department on Aging policies shall be cause for 15 disciplinary action, including, but not limited to, 16 disqualification from serving Community Care Program clients. 17 Each provider, upon submission of any bill or invoice to the Department for payment for services rendered, shall include a 18 19 notarized statement, under penalty of perjury pursuant to 20 Section 1-109 of the Code of Civil Procedure, that the 21 provider has complied with all Department policies.

The Director of the Department on Aging shall make information available to the State Board of Elections as may be required by an agreement the State Board of Elections has entered into with a multi-state voter registration list maintenance system.

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Within 30 days after July 6, 2017 (the effective date of 1 2 Public Act 100-23), rates shall be increased to \$18.29 per 3 hour, for the purpose of increasing, by at least \$.72 per hour, the wages paid by those vendors to their employees who provide 4 5 homemaker services. The Department shall pay an enhanced rate 6 under the Community Care Program to those in-home service 7 provider agencies that offer health insurance coverage as a benefit to their direct service worker employees consistent 8 9 with the mandates of Public Act 95-713. For State fiscal years 10 2018 and 2019, the enhanced rate shall be \$1.77 per hour. The 11 rate shall be adjusted using actuarial analysis based on the 12 cost of care, but shall not be set below \$1.77 per hour. The 13 Department shall adopt rules, including emergency rules under subsections (y) and (bb) of Section 5-45 of the Illinois 14 Administrative Procedure Act, to implement the provisions of 15 16 this paragraph.

17 The General Assembly finds it necessary to authorize an aggressive Medicaid enrollment initiative designed to maximize 18 19 federal Medicaid funding for the Community Care Program which 20 produces significant savings for the State of Illinois. The Department on Aging shall establish and implement a Community 21 22 Care Program Medicaid Initiative. Under the Initiative, the 23 Department on Aging shall, at a minimum: (i) provide an 24 enhanced rate to adequately compensate care coordination units 25 to enroll eligible Community Care Program clients into 26 Medicaid; (ii) use recommendations from a stakeholder

committee on how best to implement the Initiative; and (iii)
 establish requirements for State agencies to make enrollment
 in the State's Medical Assistance program easier for seniors.

The Community Care Program Medicaid Enrollment Oversight 4 5 Subcommittee is created as a subcommittee of the Older Adult Services Advisory Committee established in Section 35 of the 6 Older Adult Services Act to make recommendations on how best 7 to increase the number of medical assistance recipients who 8 9 are enrolled in the Community Care Program. The Subcommittee 10 shall consist of all of the following persons who must be 11 appointed within 30 days after the effective date of this 12 amendatory Act of the 100th General Assembly:

13 (1) The Director of Aging, or his or her designee, who14 shall serve as the chairperson of the Subcommittee.

15 (2) One representative of the Department of Healthcare
16 and Family Services, appointed by the Director of
17 Healthcare and Family Services.

18 (3) One representative of the Department of Human
19 Services, appointed by the Secretary of Human Services.

20 (4) One individual representing a care coordination
21 unit, appointed by the Director of Aging.

(5) One individual from a non-governmental statewide
 organization that advocates for seniors, appointed by the
 Director of Aging.

25 (6) One individual representing Area Agencies on
 26 Aging, appointed by the Director of Aging.

(7) One individual from a statewide association
 dedicated to Alzheimer's care, support, and research,
 appointed by the Director of Aging.

4 (8) One individual from an organization that employs
5 persons who provide services under the Community Care
6 Program, appointed by the Director of Aging.

7 (9) One member of a trade or labor union representing
8 persons who provide services under the Community Care
9 Program, appointed by the Director of Aging.

(10) One member of the Senate, who shall serve as
 co-chairperson, appointed by the President of the Senate.

(11) One member of the Senate, who shall serve as
co-chairperson, appointed by the Minority Leader of the
Senate.

(12) One member of the House of Representatives, who
shall serve as co-chairperson, appointed by the Speaker of
the House of Representatives.

18 (13) One member of the House of Representatives, who
19 shall serve as co-chairperson, appointed by the Minority
20 Leader of the House of Representatives.

(14) One individual appointed by a labor organization
 representing frontline employees at the Department of
 Human Services.

The Subcommittee shall provide oversight to the Community Care Program Medicaid Initiative and shall meet quarterly. At each Subcommittee meeting the Department on Aging shall

provide the following data sets to the Subcommittee: (A) the 1 2 number of Illinois residents, categorized by planning and service area, who are receiving services under the Community 3 Program and are enrolled in the State's Medical 4 Care Assistance Program; (B) the number of Illinois residents, 5 categorized by planning and service area, who are receiving 6 services under the Community Care Program, 7 but are not 8 enrolled in the State's Medical Assistance Program; and (C) 9 the number of Illinois residents, categorized by planning and 10 service area, who are receiving services under the Community 11 Care Program and are eligible for benefits under the State's 12 Medical Assistance Program, but are not enrolled in the State's Medical Assistance Program. In addition to this data, 13 14 the Department on Aging shall provide the Subcommittee with 15 plans on how the Department on Aging will reduce the number of 16 Illinois residents who are not enrolled in the State's Medical 17 Assistance Program but who are eligible for medical assistance benefits. The Department on Aging shall enroll in the State's 18 19 Medical Assistance Program those Illinois residents who receive services under the Community Care Program and are 20 eligible for medical assistance benefits but are not enrolled 21 22 in the State's Medicaid Assistance Program. The data provided 23 to the Subcommittee shall be made available to the public via 24 the Department on Aging's website.

The Department on Aging, with the involvement of the Subcommittee, shall collaborate with the Department of Human Services and the Department of Healthcare and Family Services
 on how best to achieve the responsibilities of the Community
 Care Program Medicaid Initiative.

The Department on Aging, the Department of Human Services, and the Department of Healthcare and Family Services shall coordinate and implement a streamlined process for seniors to access benefits under the State's Medical Assistance Program.

8 The Subcommittee shall collaborate with the Department of 9 Human Services on the adoption of a uniform application 10 submission process. The Department of Human Services and any 11 other State agency involved with processing the medical 12 assistance application of any person enrolled in the Community Care Program shall include the appropriate care coordination 13 unit in all communications related to the determination or 14 15 status of the application.

16 The Community Care Program Medicaid Initiative shall 17 provide targeted funding to care coordination units to help seniors complete their applications for medical assistance 18 benefits. On and after July 1, 2019, care coordination units 19 20 shall receive no less than \$200 per completed application, which rate may be included in a bundled rate for initial intake 21 22 services when Medicaid application assistance is provided in 23 conjunction with the initial intake process for new program 24 participants.

The Community Care Program Medicaid Initiative shall cease operation 5 years after the effective date of this amendatory

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- Act of the 100th General Assembly, after which the
 Subcommittee shall dissolve.
- 3 (Source: P.A. 101-10, eff. 6-5-19; 102-1071, eff. 6-10-22.)