



103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2023 and 2024

HB4486

Introduced 1/17/2024, by Rep. Terra Costa Howard

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

305 ILCS 5/5-55 new

Amends the Medical Assistance Article of the Illinois Public Aid Code. Requires the Department of Healthcare and Family Services to establish a reimbursement code for music therapy services provided by licensed music therapists. Provides that, to be eligible for reimbursement, music therapy services must be provided by a music therapist licensed by the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation. Requires the reimbursement code to be designed to ensure fair and equitable compensation for music therapy services for all consumers, considering the expertise and specialized skills of music therapists. Provides that health care providers shall be notified of the new reimbursement code, and relevant training may be provided to ensure proper billing and documentation procedures for music therapy services. Provides that the provisions of the amendatory Act shall be implemented on July 1, 2025, subject to federal approval. Effective immediately.

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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 adding Section 5-55 as follows:

6 (305 ILCS 5/5-55 new)

7 Sec. 5-55. Reimbursement for music therapy services. The
8 Department shall establish a reimbursement code for music
9 therapy services provided by licensed music therapists. To be
10 eligible for reimbursement under this Section, music therapy
11 services must be provided by a music therapist licensed by the
12 Department of Financial and Professional Regulation. The
13 reimbursement code shall be designed to ensure fair and
14 equitable compensation for music therapy services for all
15 consumers, considering the expertise and specialized skills of
16 music therapists. Health care providers shall be notified of
17 the new reimbursement code, and relevant training may be
18 provided to ensure proper billing and documentation procedures
19 for music therapy services. This Section shall be implemented
20 on July 1, 2025, subject to federal approval.

21 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
22 becoming law.