

# HB5473



## 103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

305 ILCS 5/11-15

from Ch. 23, par. 11-15

Amends the Illinois Public Aid Code. Provides that notwithstanding a provision permitting a medical assistance application to be filed in behalf of a minor, a minor who is 12 years of age or older may sign and file an application on the minor's own behalf if such application is for the Article V family planning program enacted by Public Act 102-665.

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A BILL FOR

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 changing Section 11-15 as follows:

6 (305 ILCS 5/11-15) (from Ch. 23, par. 11-15)

7 Sec. 11-15. Application requirements.

8 (1) An application for financial aid shall be filed in  
9 writing by the person requesting aid and, in the case of a  
10 request for family aid, by the head of that family, except as  
11 otherwise permitted in paragraph (2). Applications for aid  
12 under Articles III, IV, and V shall be filed in writing with  
13 any local office of the Department of Human Services in the  
14 manner prescribed by the Department. Applications for aid  
15 under Article VI shall be filed in writing with the local  
16 governmental unit upon forms approved by the Department.

17 Each applicant shall provide information as to the amount  
18 of property, real and personal, owned by him or her within the  
19 period of time preceding the application as required under  
20 Sections 3-1.3, 4-1.11, and 5-2.1 of this Code. The applicant  
21 shall also furnish information concerning all income, money  
22 contributions, and other support from any source, and the  
23 beneficiary and the amount or cash surrender or loan value of

1 all insurance policies held by himself or herself or any  
2 member of his family for whom aid is requested.

3 (2) An application, in all instances to be in writing, may  
4 be filed in behalf of a person considered to be in need of  
5 financial aid under Articles III, IV, V, or VI only if the  
6 person

7 (a) has been adjudged to be under legal disability; or

8 (b) is unable because of minority or physical or  
9 mental disability, to execute the application; or

10 (c) in the case of need for funeral and burial, died  
11 before an application was filed and the application is  
12 filed not more than 30 days after the person's death,  
13 excluding the day on which the death occurred.

14 Applications in behalf of persons specified in (a) and (b)  
15 shall be filed by the applicant's legal guardian or, if a  
16 guardian has not been appointed or the applicant has no legal  
17 guardian or the guardian is not available, by a relative or  
18 other person, acceptable under the rules of the Illinois  
19 Department, who is able to furnish the required information.  
20 Applications in behalf of persons specified in (c) shall be  
21 filed by any next of kin of the deceased who is not under legal  
22 disability or, if there are no such next of kin or they are  
23 unknown or unavailable, by a person, acceptable under the  
24 rules of the Illinois Department, who is able to furnish the  
25 required information.

26 Notwithstanding any other provision of this paragraph (2),

1 a minor who is 12 years of age or older may sign and file an  
2 application on the minor's own behalf if such application is  
3 for the Article V family planning program enacted by Public  
4 Act 102-665 amending Section 5-5 of this Code.

5 (3) The application shall contain a written declaration to  
6 be signed by the applicant, or in behalf of the applicant by a  
7 person qualified under paragraph (2), in substantially the  
8 following form, the parenthetical references being applicable  
9 to an application filed by a person in behalf of the applicant:

10 "I declare under penalties of perjury that I have examined  
11 this form and all accompanying statements or documents  
12 pertaining to the income and resources of myself (the  
13 applicant) or any member of my family (the applicant's family)  
14 included in this application for aid, or pertaining to any  
15 other matter having bearing upon my (the applicant's)  
16 eligibility for aid, and to the best of my knowledge and belief  
17 the information supplied is true, correct, and complete".

18 (4) If an application for financial aid is filed for a  
19 family, and any person in that family is under 18 years of age,  
20 the application shall be accompanied by the following for each  
21 such person under 18 years of age:

22 (i) a copy of the person's birth certificate, or

23 (ii) other reliable proof, as determined by the  
24 Department, of the person's identity and age.

25 The Illinois Department shall provide information to all  
26 families, orally by an intake worker and in writing when the

1 application is filed, about the availability and location of  
2 immunization services.

3 (5) Once an applicant is determined eligible for aid, he  
4 or she has the right to request to have the case transferred to  
5 another local office of the Department of Human Services for  
6 his or her convenience based on one of the following factors:  
7 the location of his or her employer; the location of his or her  
8 child care provider; access to reliable transportation; or the  
9 location of a social service provider that he or she sees on a  
10 regular basis. Within 5 business days after the request for  
11 transfer, the Department shall transfer the case, assign a  
12 caseworker, make appropriate entries in the computer system,  
13 and issue a written notice to the recipient that includes the  
14 name of and contact information for the caseworker. The  
15 location of the recipient's case may be reconsidered on the  
16 recipient's request or at the time of redetermination of  
17 eligibility.

18 (Source: P.A. 96-867, eff. 1-1-11.)