

1 AN ACT concerning health care for women.

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

4 Section 5. The Hospital Licensing Act is amended by  
5 adding Section 11.5 as follows:

6 (210 ILCS 85/11.5 new)

7 Sec. 11.5. Uniform standards of obstetrical care  
8 regardless of ability to pay.

9 (a) No hospital may promulgate policies or implement  
10 practices that determine differing standards of obstetrical  
11 care based upon a patient's source of payment or ability to  
12 pay for medical services.

13 (b) Each hospital shall develop a written policy  
14 statement reflecting the requirements of subsection (a) and  
15 shall post written notices of this policy in the obstetrical  
16 admitting areas of the hospital by July 1, 2003. Notices  
17 posted pursuant to this Section shall be posted in the  
18 predominant language or languages spoken in the hospital's  
19 service area.

20 Section 15. The Illinois Public Aid Code is amended by  
21 adding Section 5-16.7a as follows:

22 (305 ILCS 5/5-16.7a new)

23 Sec. 5-16.7a. Reimbursement for epidural anesthesia  
24 services. The Department shall provide reimbursement to  
25 medical providers for epidural anesthesia services when  
26 ordered by the attending practitioner at the time of  
27 delivery.

28 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon

1 becoming law.