

1 AN ACT in relation to 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 5-5.23 as follows:

6 (305 ILCS 5/5-5.23 new)

7 Sec. 5-5.23. Prenatal and perinatal care. The Department
8 of Public Aid shall provide reimbursement under this Article
9 for all prenatal and perinatal health care services that are
10 provided for the purpose of preventing low-birthweight
11 infants and reducing the need for neonatal intensive care
12 hospital services. The Department shall maximize the use of
13 preventive prenatal and perinatal health care services
14 consistent with federal statutes, rules, and regulations. On
15 or before January 1, 2006 and every 2 years thereafter, the
16 Department shall report to the General Assembly concerning
17 the effectiveness of prenatal and perinatal health care
18 services reimbursed under this Section in preventing
19 low-birthweight infants and reducing the need for neonatal
20 intensive care hospital services.