

1 AN ACT concerning finance.

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

4 Section 5. The State Prompt Payment Act is amended by  
5 adding Section 8 as follows:

6 (30 ILCS 540/8 new)

7 Sec. 8. Priority of payment.

8 (a) Definition. As used in this Section, "qualified  
9 provider" means a not-for-profit organization that provides  
10 non-residential services for the mentally ill or  
11 developmentally disabled and is reimbursed or otherwise paid  
12 for providing those services by the Illinois Department of  
13 Human Services. A "qualified provider" does not include a  
14 hospital licensed under the Hospital Licensing Act, a  
15 long-term care facility licensed under the Nursing Home Care  
16 Act only with respect to services provided in the licensed  
17 facility to residents, or a local governmental unit or  
18 university. The Department of Human Services shall make the  
19 determination of who is a "qualified provider".

20 (b) Processing by official or agency. Except as provided  
21 in subsection (d), a bill or invoice for goods or services  
22 furnished to the State submitted by a qualified provider and  
23 a grant award payment to a qualified provider must be given  
24 priority in processing. Any bill or invoice and any grant  
25 award payment meeting these criteria that is submitted to an  
26 official or agency must be processed and forwarded for  
27 payment before any other bill, invoice, or grant award  
28 payment is processed or forwarded for payment.

29 (c) Payment by Comptroller. Except as provided in  
30 subsection (d), a voucher for payment for goods or services  
31 furnished to the State by a qualified provider and a grant

1 award payment to a qualified provider submitted by an  
2 official or agency to the Comptroller for payment must be  
3 given priority in payment. Any voucher meeting these criteria  
4 that is submitted to the Comptroller by an official or agency  
5 for payment from a given fund must be paid before any other  
6 bill, invoice, or grant award is paid from that fund. If 2 or  
7 more vouchers eligible for priority payment are received by  
8 the Comptroller in the same day for payment out of the same  
9 fund and there is not enough money in the fund to pay them  
10 all, then each bill, invoice, or grant award shall be paid in  
11 the order in which it is received.

12 (d) The processing and payment of (i) debt service  
13 obligations of the State and (ii) payroll obligations of the  
14 State shall have priority over the processing and payment of  
15 items as required by this Section.

16 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
17 becoming law.