

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 9A-9.5 as follows:

6 (305 ILCS 5/9A-9.5 new)

7 Sec. 9A-9.5. Health care advocates; committee. The
8 Department of Human Services and the Department of Public Aid
9 shall jointly establish an interagency committee to do the
10 following:

11 (1) Assist the departments in making
12 recommendations on incorporating health care advocates
13 into education, training, and placement programs under
14 this Article. The advocates should be individuals who are
15 knowledgeable about various types of health insurance
16 programs.

17 (2) Develop more outreach and educational materials
18 to help TANF families make informed choices concerning
19 health insurance and health care. The materials should
20 target families that are transitioning from receipt of
21 public aid to employment.

22 (3) Develop methods to simplify the process of
23 applying for medical assistance under Article V.

24 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
25 becoming law.