

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.