



**93RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY**  
**State of Illinois**  
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**SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:**

20 ILCS 105/4.12 new

Amends the Illinois Act on the Aging. Requires the Department on Aging, in cooperation with the departments of Public Health, Public Aid, and Human Services, to implement a quality profile system for nursing homes and, beginning July 1, 2005, assisted living facilities. Requires the Department on Aging to develop the quality profiles using surveys of consumers of long-term care services. Requires implementation of a system for dissemination of the profiles to consumers, providers, and purchasers of long-term care services by July 1, 2005.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT  
MAY APPLY

1 AN ACT concerning aging.

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

4 Section 5. The Illinois Act on the Aging is amended by  
5 adding Section 4.12 as follows:

6 (20 ILCS 105/4.12 new)

7 Sec. 4.12. Long-term care quality profiles.

8 (a) Quality profiles. The Department on Aging, in  
9 cooperation with the departments of Public Health, Public Aid,  
10 and Human Services, shall develop and implement a quality  
11 profile system for facilities licensed under the Nursing Home  
12 Care Act and, beginning not later than July 1, 2005, facilities  
13 licensed as assisted living establishments under the Assisted  
14 Living and Shared Housing Act. The system must be developed and  
15 implemented to the extent possible without the collection of  
16 significant amounts of new data. To the extent possible, the  
17 system must incorporate or be coordinated with information on  
18 quality maintained by the Department on Aging, the departments  
19 of Public Health, Public Aid, or Human Services, area agencies  
20 on aging, the Office of State Long Term Care Ombudsman  
21 established under Section 4.04, long-term care trade  
22 associations, and other entities. The system must be designed  
23 to provide information on quality of facilities and services to  
24 the following:

25 (1) Consumers of long-term care services and their  
26 families, to facilitate informed choices of service  
27 providers.

28 (2) Providers of long-term care services, to enable  
29 them to measure the results of their quality improvement  
30 efforts and compare quality achievements with other  
31 service providers.

32 (3) Public and private purchasers of long-term care

1 services, to enable them to purchase high-quality care.

2 The system must be developed in consultation with area  
3 agencies on aging and with representatives of consumers of  
4 long-term care services, providers of long-term care services,  
5 and labor unions. Within the limits of available  
6 appropriations, the Department on Aging may employ consultants  
7 to assist with this project.

8 (b) Quality measurement tools. The Department on Aging  
9 shall identify and apply existing quality measurement tools to  
10 do the following:

11 (1) Emphasize quality of care and its relationship to  
12 quality of life.

13 (2) Address the needs of various users of long-term  
14 care services, including, but not limited to, short-stay  
15 residents, persons with behavioral problems, persons with  
16 dementia, and persons who are members of minority groups.

17 The tools must be identified and applied, to the extent  
18 possible, without requiring providers to supply information  
19 beyond current State and federal requirements.

20 (c) Consumer surveys. Following identification of the  
21 quality measurement tools under subsection (b), the Department  
22 on Aging shall conduct surveys of consumers of long-term care  
23 services to develop quality profiles of providers of long-term  
24 care services. To the extent possible, the surveys must be  
25 conducted face-to-face by State employees or contractors. At  
26 the discretion of the Department, the surveys may be conducted  
27 by telephone or by provider staff. Surveys must be conducted  
28 periodically to update quality profiles of individual service  
29 providers.

30 (d) Dissemination of profiles. By July 1, 2005, the  
31 Department on Aging shall implement a system to disseminate the  
32 quality profiles developed under this Section. The profiles may  
33 be disseminated through the Department to consumers,  
34 providers, and purchasers of long-term care services through  
35 all feasible printed and electronic outlets. The Department may  
36 conduct a public awareness campaign to inform potential users

1 of long-term care services regarding profile contents and  
2 potential uses.