

1 AN ACT in relation to prescription drug assistance.

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

4 Section 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the
5 Pharmaceutical Manufacturer's Drug Access Program Act.

6 Section 5. Program created. The Department of Public Aid
7 shall develop and implement a Pharmaceutical Manufacturer's
8 Drug Access Program to assist low-income individuals in
9 gaining access to prescription drugs through prescription
10 drug assistance programs offered by pharmaceutical
11 manufacturers, including free discount and coverage programs.
12 The Department shall use available computer software programs
13 that link an eligible individual with the appropriate
14 pharmaceutical company patient assistance program or programs
15 relating to the prescription drugs that are medically
16 necessary for the individual. As part of the Pharmaceutical
17 Manufacturer's Drug Access Program, the Department shall
18 provide education to individuals and pharmaceutical companies
19 to promote and expand enrollment in the companies' programs
20 and to increase low-income individuals' access to medically
21 necessary prescription drugs.

22 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect on
23 July 1, 2003.