

1 AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 306

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend Senate Bill 306, AS AMENDED,
3 by replacing everything after the enacting clause with the
4 following:

5 "Section 5. The Illinois Public Aid Code is amended by
6 adding Section 5-5.23 as follows:

7 (305 ILCS 5/5-5.23 new)

8 Sec. 5-5.23. Prenatal and perinatal care. The Department
9 of Public Aid may provide reimbursement under this Article
10 for all prenatal and perinatal health care services that are
11 provided for the purpose of preventing low-birthweight
12 infants, reducing the need for neonatal intensive care
13 hospital services, and promoting perinatal health. These
14 services may include comprehensive risk assessments for
15 pregnant women, women with infants, and infants, lactation
16 counseling, nutrition counseling, childbirth support,
17 psychosocial counseling, treatment and prevention of
18 periodontal disease, and other support services that have
19 been proven to improve birth outcomes. The Department shall
20 maximize the use of preventive prenatal and perinatal health
21 care services consistent with federal statutes, rules, and
22 regulations. The Department shall develop a plan for prenatal

1 and perinatal preventive health care and shall present the
2 plan to the General Assembly by January 1, 2004. On or before
3 January 1, 2006 and every 2 years thereafter, the Department
4 shall report to the General Assembly concerning the
5 effectiveness of prenatal and perinatal health care services
6 reimbursed under this Section in preventing low-birthweight
7 infants and reducing the need for neonatal intensive care
8 hospital services. Each such report shall include an
9 evaluation of how the ratio of expenditures for treating
10 low-birthweight infants compared with the investment in
11 promoting healthy births and infants in local community areas
12 throughout Illinois relates to healthy infant development in
13 those areas.

14 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
15 becoming law."