

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 5-5.25 as follows:

6 (305 ILCS 5/5-5.25 new)

7 Sec. 5-5.25. Rates for home health services. On and after
8 July 1, 2005, the Department of Public Aid shall reimburse
9 providers of home health services under this Article at the
10 same rates at which the federal government reimburses providers
11 of those services under the Medicare program, using the Low
12 Utilization Payment Adjustment (LUPA) national-average rate
13 structure. The Department shall adjust those rates annually to
14 reflect changes in the LUPA national-average rate structure.

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