

1 AN ACT concerning 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 14-8.1 as follows:

6 (305 ILCS 5/14-8.1 new)

7 Sec. 14-8.1. Language assistance services reimbursement.  
8 Notwithstanding any other provision of this Code, for inpatient  
9 and outpatient services provided on or after January 1, 2006,  
10 in addition to rates paid for inpatient and outpatient hospital  
11 services under this Code, the Department shall pay each  
12 hospital (except for county providers as defined in Article XV  
13 of this Code and hospitals licensed under the University of  
14 Illinois Hospital Act) an amount as determined by rule of the  
15 Department, to reimburse the hospital for the reasonable costs  
16 of complying with the Language Assistance Services Act that are  
17 attributable to serving Medicaid recipients. To qualify for  
18 payments under this Section, the Department may require each  
19 hospital to submit an annual report of the costs it incurred in  
20 complying with the Language Assistance Services Act.

21 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
22 becoming law.