



## 94TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### State of Illinois

2005 and 2006

HB1476

Introduced 02/10/05, by Rep. Elizabeth Coulson

#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

20 ILCS 2205/2205-15 new

Amends the Department of Public Aid Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois. Provides that the Illinois Department of Public Aid, through an inter-agency agreement with the Department of Central Management Services, the Department on Aging, the Department of Public Health, and the Division of Insurance of the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation, shall: (1) coordinate each State pharmaceutical or medical assistance program with the Medicare Part D benefit so that Medicare beneficiaries who are eligible for or enrolled in State pharmaceutical or medical assistance programs maintain their current pharmaceutical coverage to the extent allowed under federal law; and (2) coordinate each State pharmaceutical or medical assistance program with Medicare Part D to maximize pharmaceutical coverage for individuals, to minimize disruption in enrollment and eligibility for state and federal programs, to minimize out-of-pocket costs for Medicare beneficiaries and to maximize federal funding for pharmaceutical coverage. Effective immediately.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT  
MAY APPLY

1 AN ACT concerning State government.

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

4 Section 5. The Department of Public Aid Law of the Civil  
5 Administrative Code of Illinois is amended by adding Section  
6 2205-15 as follows:

7 (20 ILCS 2205/2205-15 new)

8 Sec. 2205-15. Implementation of Medicare Part D  
9 pharmaceutical coverage.

10 (a) The Medicare Modernization Act of 2004 created a new  
11 Medicare benefit, Medicare Part D, to provide pharmaceutical  
12 coverage to Medicare beneficiaries beginning on January 1,  
13 2006. The General Assembly recognizes that Medicare Part D may  
14 impact eligibility and coverage for the following State  
15 pharmaceutical or medical assistance programs: (i) medical  
16 assistance, or Medicaid, under Article V of the Illinois Public  
17 Aid Code; (ii) SeniorCare, under Section 5-5.12a of the  
18 Illinois Public Aid Code; (iii) the State Pharmaceutical  
19 Assistance Program, under the Senior Citizens and Disabled  
20 Persons Property Tax Relief and Pharmaceutical Assistance Act;  
21 (iv) the Senior Citizens and Disabled Persons Prescription Drug  
22 Discount Program, under the Senior Citizens and Disabled  
23 Persons Prescription Drug Discount Program Act; (v) the  
24 Comprehensive Health Insurance Program, under the  
25 Comprehensive Health Insurance Plan Act; and (vi) the Aids Drug  
26 Assistance Program, under the authority of Section 2310-315 of  
27 the Department of Public Health Powers and Duties Law of the  
28 Civil Administrative Code of Illinois. As used in this Section,  
29 "State pharmaceutical or medical assistance programs" means  
30 the programs described in items (i) through (vi).

31 (b) The Illinois Department of Public Aid, through an  
32 inter-agency agreement with the Department of Central

1 Management Services, the Department on Aging, the Department of  
2 Public Health, and the Division of Insurance of the Department  
3 of Financial and Professional Regulation, shall do the  
4 following:

5 (1) Coordinate each State pharmaceutical or medical  
6 assistance program with the Medicare Part D benefit so that  
7 Medicare beneficiaries who are eligible for or enrolled in  
8 State pharmaceutical or medical assistance programs  
9 maintain their current pharmaceutical coverage to the  
10 extent allowed under federal law.

11 (2) Coordinate each State pharmaceutical or medical  
12 assistance program with Medicare Part D to maximize  
13 pharmaceutical coverage for individuals, to minimize  
14 disruption in enrollment and eligibility for State and  
15 federal programs, to minimize out-of-pocket costs for  
16 Medicare beneficiaries, and to maximize federal funding  
17 for pharmaceutical coverage.

18 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
19 becoming law.