



## 94TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### State of Illinois

2005 and 2006

HB3673

Introduced 02/24/05, by Rep. Aaron Schock

#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

305 ILCS 5/5-5.25 new  
320 ILCS 65/32 new

Amends the Illinois Public Aid Code and the Family Caregiver Act. Provides that a family caregiver who provides in-home care to an older adult who is a frail individual and who claims that frail individual as a dependent for federal and State income tax purposes is eligible for cash assistance based on the frail individual's needs, not to exceed \$2,000 per month. Requires the Department of Public Aid to apply for a waiver of federal law and regulations to allow the use of Medicaid funds to fund this cash assistance program, and requires the Department on Aging to cooperate with the Department of Public Aid to secure Medicaid funding. Effective immediately.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT  
MAY APPLY

1 AN ACT concerning aging.

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. Family caregivers. The Department of Public  
8 Aid, in collaboration with the Department on Aging, shall apply  
9 for any waiver of federal law and regulations necessary to  
10 allow the use of Medicaid funds to fully or partially fund the  
11 program of cash assistance for family caregivers authorized  
12 under Section 32 of the Family Caregiver Act. Upon approval of  
13 all such necessary waivers, the Department of Public Aid shall  
14 cooperate with the Department on Aging to ensure that the  
15 family caregiver cash assistance program is funded with  
16 Medicaid funds to the maximum extent allowable.

17 Section 10. The Family Caregiver Act is amended by adding  
18 Section 32 as follows:

19 (320 ILCS 65/32 new)

20 Sec. 32. Cash assistance. A family caregiver who provides  
21 in-home care to an older adult who is a frail individual and  
22 who claims that frail individual as a dependent for federal and  
23 State income tax purposes is eligible for cash assistance based  
24 on the frail individual's needs, not to exceed \$2,000 per  
25 month. The Department shall adopt rules prescribing the form  
26 and manner of application for cash assistance under this  
27 Section and prescribing guidelines for awarding such cash  
28 assistance. The Department shall cooperate with the Department  
29 of Public Aid to secure Medicaid funding of the cash assistance  
30 program.

1           Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
2    becoming law.