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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 1006

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend House Bill 1006 by replacing
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the
5 Health Insurance Choice Act.

6 Section 5. Purpose. The General Assembly recognizes the
7 need for individuals and small employers in this State to have
8 access to health insurance policies that are more affordable
9 and flexible than those currently available in the small group
10 market. The General Assembly, therefore, seeks to increase the
11 availability of health insurance coverage by requiring small
12 employer carriers in this State to issue policies that are more
13 affordable for employees of eligible employers. To accomplish
14 its objective, the General Assembly also requires eligible
15 employers to facilitate the offering of these policies to their
16 employees.

1 Section 10. Definitions. For purposes of this Act:

2 "Department" means the Department of Financial and
3 Professional Regulation.

4 "Eligible employer" means a small employer (1) that has not
5 offered group health plans to its employees for at least 12
6 months before the employee applies for such coverage under a
7 health insurance choice policy; and (2) whose average annual
8 compensation paid to employees is less than 250% of the Federal
9 poverty level.

10 "Employee" means an employee who is scheduled to work not
11 less than 20 hours per week on a regular basis.

12 "Enrollee" means an individual covered under a health
13 insurance choice policy, including both an employee and his or
14 her dependents.

15 "Facilitate" means, with respect to an eligible employer,
16 permitting one or more insurers to, without endorsement,
17 publicize their health insurance choice policy or policies and
18 alternative accident and health insurance policy or policies
19 with all mandated benefits to the eligible employer's employees
20 and collecting premiums through payroll deduction and
21 remitting such premiums to the insurer.

22 "Federal poverty level" means the federal poverty level
23 guidelines published annually by the United States Department
24 of Health and Human Services.

25 "Group health plan" has the meaning given to such term in

1 the Illinois Health Insurance Portability and Accountability
2 Act.

3 "Health insurance choice policy" or "policy" means a policy
4 of accident and health insurance that provides standard
5 required benefits as described in Section 20 of this Act and
6 satisfies the additional requirements set forth in Section 25
7 of this Act.

8 "Insurer" means a small employer carrier as such term is
9 defined in the Small Employer Health Insurer Rating Act.

10 "Secretary" means the Secretary of the Financial and
11 Professional Regulation.

12 "Small employer" has the meaning given that term in the
13 Illinois Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act.

14 "State-mandated health benefits" means coverage required
15 under the laws of this State to be provided in a group major
16 medical policy for accident and health insurance or a contract
17 for a health-related condition that: (1) includes coverage for
18 specific health care services or benefits; (2) places
19 limitations or restrictions on deductibles, coinsurance,
20 co-payments, or any annual or lifetime maximum benefit amounts;
21 or (3) includes coverage for a specific category of licensed
22 health practitioner from whom an insured is entitled to receive
23 care.

24 Section 15. Authorization of health insurance choice
25 policies.

1 (a) All insurers, as defined in Section 10 of this Act,
2 shall offer one or more health insurance choice policies to
3 employees of eligible employers in this State.

4 (b) An insurer that offers one or more health insurance
5 choice policies under this Act to the employees of an eligible
6 employer must also offer to all employees of such eligible
7 employer at least one accident and health insurance policy that
8 has been filed with and approved by the Department and includes
9 coverage for all state-mandated health benefits.

10 (c) All eligible employers in this State shall facilitate
11 insurers offering coverage under one or more health insurance
12 choice policies for employees of such eligible employers and
13 their dependents. Each employee may elect whether he or she
14 wants to apply for coverage.

15 (d) All eligible employers in the State shall also offer to
16 their employees at least one insured group health plan under a
17 policy that has been filed with and approved by the Department
18 and includes coverage for all state-mandated health benefits.

19 (e) An eligible employer whose employees elect coverage
20 under a health insurance choice policy or group health plan
21 under subsections (c) or (d) of this Section for themselves or
22 their dependents is not required to make contributions to the
23 cost of any policy or group health plan on behalf of its
24 employees or their dependents.

25 (f) An insurer is not required to issue or renew coverage
26 to the employees of an eligible employer under a health

1 insurance choice policy or group health plan unless (i) 75% of
2 the eligible employer's employees, excluding employees covered
3 by a group health plan of another employer, elect coverage
4 under a health insurance choice policy or a group health plan
5 of the small employer offered by the insurer and (ii) 50% of
6 the eligible employer's total employees elect coverage under a
7 health insurance choice policy or group health plan of the
8 eligible employer offered by the insurer.

9 (g) This Act must not be interpreted to restrict the
10 ability of any insurer or small employer to offer any health
11 insurance coverage permitted by law.

12 Section 20. Standard required benefits. A health insurance
13 choice policy must include a maximum aggregate benefit of not
14 less than \$50,000 per year for each enrollee and the policy
15 must contain the following standard required benefits:

16 (1) physician services, including, primary care,
17 consultation, referral, surgical, anesthesia, or other, as
18 needed by the enrollee in any level of service delivery.
19 Such services need not include organ transplants unless
20 specifically authorized by a physician;

21 (2) outpatient diagnostic, imaging, and pathology
22 services and radiation therapy;

23 (3) 120 days of non-mental-health inpatient services
24 per year, including all professional services,
25 medications, surgically implanted devices, and supplies

1 used by the enrollee while an inpatient;

2 (4) 45 days of inpatient serious mental illness
3 treatment services per year and 60 office visits per year
4 for outpatient serious mental illness treatment services,
5 with the copayment to apply to the cost of treatment if the
6 treatment occurs during the office visit;

7 (5) 30 days of other inpatient mental health and
8 chemical dependency treatment services per year and 30 days
9 of other outpatient mental health and chemical dependency
10 treatment services per year, with a lifetime maximum of 100
11 visits;

12 (6) emergency services for accidental injury or
13 emergency illness 24 hours per day and 7 days per week.
14 Such emergency treatment shall include outpatient visits
15 and referrals for emergency mental health problems;

16 (7) maternity care, including prenatal and post-natal
17 care, care for complications of pregnancy of the mother,
18 and care with respect to a newborn child from the moment of
19 birth, which shall include the necessary care and treatment
20 of an illness, an injury, congenital defects, birth
21 abnormalities, and a premature birth;

22 (8) blood transfusion services, processing, and the
23 administration of whole blood and blood components and
24 derivatives;

25 (9) preventive health services as appropriate for the
26 patient population, including a health evaluation program

1 and immunizations to prevent or arrest the further
2 manifestation of human illness or injury, including, but
3 not limited to, allergy infections and allergy serum. Such
4 health evaluation program shall include at least periodic
5 physical examinations and medical history, hearing and
6 vision testing or screening, routine laboratory testing or
7 screening, blood pressure testing, uterine
8 cervical-cytological testing, and low-dose mammography
9 testing as required by Section 356g of the Illinois
10 Insurance Code; and

11 (10) outpatient rehabilitative therapy (including, but
12 not limited to, speech therapy, physical therapy, and
13 occupational therapy directed at improving physical
14 functioning of the member), up to 60 treatments per year
15 for conditions that are expected to result in significant
16 improvement within 2 months, as determined by the primary
17 care physician.

18 The benefits under a health insurance choice policy may
19 contain reasonable deductibles and co-payments subject to such
20 limitations as the Department may prescribe pursuant to rule.

21 Section 25. Health insurance choice policy requirements.

22 (a) Any insurer, as defined in Section 10 of this Act,
23 shall have the power to issue health insurance choice policies.
24 No such policy may be issued or delivered in this State unless
25 a copy of the form thereof has been filed with the Department

1 and approved by it in accordance with Section 355 of the
2 Illinois Insurance Code, unless it contains in substance those
3 provisions contained in Sections 357.1 through 357.30 of the
4 Illinois Insurance Code as may be applicable to this Act and
5 the provisions set forth in this Section.

6 (b) The policy must provide that the policy and the
7 individual applications of the employees of the eligible
8 employer shall constitute the entire contract between the
9 parties, that all statements made by the employer or by the
10 individual employees shall (in the absence of fraud) be deemed
11 representations and not warranties, and that none of those
12 statements may be used in defense to a claim under the policy
13 unless it is contained in a written application.

14 (c) The policy must provide that the insurer will issue to
15 the eligible employer, for delivery to the employee who is
16 insured under the policy, an individual certificate setting
17 forth a statement as to the insurance protection to which the
18 employee is entitled and to whom payable.

19 (d) The policy must provide that all new employees of the
20 eligible employer shall be eligible to apply for coverage under
21 any health insurance choice policies facilitated by such
22 employer or the group health plan of the employer.

23 (e) Any health insurance choice policy may provide that all
24 or any portion of any indemnities provided by the policy on
25 account of hospital, nursing, medical, or surgical services
26 may, at the insurer's option, be paid directly to the health

1 care professional, health care provider, or the insured; but
2 the policy may not require that the service be rendered by a
3 particular hospital or person. Payment so made shall discharge
4 the insurer's obligation with respect to the amount of
5 insurance so paid. Nothing in this subsection (e) shall
6 prohibit an insurer from providing incentives for insureds to
7 utilize the services of a particular hospital or person.

8 (f) Whenever the Department of Public Health finds that it
9 has paid all or part of any hospital or medical expenses that
10 an insurer is obligated to pay under a policy issued under this
11 Act, the Department of Public Health shall be entitled to
12 receive reimbursement for its payments from the insurer,
13 provided that the Department of Public Health has notified the
14 insurer of its claim before the carrier has paid the benefits
15 to its insureds or the insureds' assignees.

16 (g) No group hospital, medical, or surgical expense policy
17 under this Act may contain any provision whereby benefits
18 otherwise payable thereunder are subject to reduction solely on
19 account of the existence of similar benefits provided under
20 other group or group-type accident and sickness insurance
21 policies if the reduction would operate to reduce total
22 benefits payable under the policies below an amount equal to
23 100% of total allowable expenses provided under the policies.

24 (h) If dependents of insureds are covered under 2 policies,
25 both of which contain coordination of benefit provisions,
26 benefits of the policy of the insured whose birthday falls

1 earlier in the year are determined before those of the policy
2 of the insured whose birthday falls later in the year.
3 "Birthday", as used in this subsection (h), refers only to the
4 month and day in a calendar year, not the year in which the
5 person was born. The Department shall promulgate rules defining
6 the order of benefit determination under this subsection (h).

7 (i) Discrimination between individuals of the same class of
8 risk in the issuance of policies, in the amount of premiums or
9 rates charged for any insurance covered by this Act, in
10 benefits payable thereon, in any of the terms or conditions of
11 the policy, or in any other manner whatsoever is prohibited.
12 Nothing in this subsection (i) prohibits an insurer from
13 providing incentives for insureds to utilize the services of a
14 particular hospital or person.

15 (j) No insurer may make or permit any distinction or
16 discrimination against individuals solely because of handicaps
17 or disabilities in (i) the amount of payment of premiums or
18 rates charged for policies of insurance, (ii) the amount of any
19 dividends or other benefits payable thereon, or (iii) any other
20 terms and conditions of the contract it makes, except if the
21 distinction or discrimination is based on sound actuarial
22 principles or is related to actual or reasonably anticipated
23 experience.

24 (k) No insurer may refuse to insure or refuse to continue
25 to insure, limit the amount, extent, or kind of coverage
26 available to an individual, or charge an individual a different

1 rate for the same coverage solely because of blindness or
2 partial blindness. With respect to all other conditions,
3 including the underlying cause of the blindness or partial
4 blindness, persons who are blind or partially blind shall be
5 subject to the same standards of sound actuarial principles or
6 actual or reasonably anticipated experience as are sighted
7 persons. Refusal to insure includes denial by an insurer of
8 disability insurance coverage on the grounds that the policy
9 defines "disability" as being presumed in the event that the
10 insured loses his or her eyesight. However, an insurer may
11 exclude from coverage disability consisting solely of
12 blindness or partial blindness when the condition existed at
13 the time the policy was issued.

14 Section 30. Applicability of other Insurance Code
15 provisions. All health insurance choice policies issued under
16 this Act shall be subject to the provisions of Sections 356c,
17 356d, 356g, 356h, 356n, 367.2, 367.2-5, 367c, 367d, 367e,
18 367e.1, 367i, 368a, 370, 370a, and 370e of the Illinois
19 Insurance Code even though such policies do not constitute
20 group health plans.

21 Section 35. Means testing; authorized. For purposes of this
22 Act, an employer shall perform means testing to determine
23 eligibility requirements for the health insurance choice
24 policy and shall provide a certification to the insurer

1 respecting the results of the means testing. A health insurance
2 choice policy based on those eligibility requirements shall not
3 be in violation of Section 364 of the Illinois Insurance Code
4 or subsection (i) or (j) of Section 25 of this Act.

5 Section 40. Guaranteed renewability and availability.

6 (a) Subject to subsection (f) of Section 15 of this Act and
7 subsections (b) and (c) of this Section, an insurer (i) must
8 accept the application of every employee of an eligible
9 employer that applies for coverage under subsections (c) or (d)
10 of Section 15 of this Act and (ii) must renew or continue in
11 force such coverage at the option of the covered employee as
12 long as the employee continues as an employee of the eligible
13 employer.

14 (b) An insurer is not obligated to renew or continue in
15 force coverage under subsection (a) of this Section (i) if the
16 coverage requirements of subsection (f) of Section 15 of this
17 Act are not satisfied, (ii) if the insurer would not be
18 obligated to renew or continue in force such coverage had
19 subdivision (2), (4), or (5) of subsection (B) Section 30 of
20 the Illinois Health Insurance Portability and Accountability
21 Act applied to such policies, or (iii) with respect to an
22 employee who has failed to pay premiums in accordance with the
23 applicable policy or the insurer has not received timely
24 premium payments from the employee.

25 (c) An insurer may modify the coverage offered under this

1 Act only at the time of coverage renewal and only if the
2 modification is consistent with State law and effective on a
3 uniform basis with respect to all employees of eligible
4 employers.

5 (d) Subsection (a) of Section 15 of this Act and this
6 Section shall apply with respect to an insurer as long as the
7 insurer offers any health benefit plan to small employers in
8 this State that is subject to the Small Employer Health
9 Insurance Rating Act.

10 Section 45. Notice to policyholders and enrollees.

11 (a) Each written application for enrollment under a health
12 insurance choice policy must contain the following language at
13 the beginning of the application in bold type:

14 "You have the option to choose this health insurance
15 choice policy that, either in whole or in part, does not
16 provide state-mandated health insurance benefits normally
17 required in accident and health insurance policies in
18 Illinois. This health insurance choice policy may provide a
19 more affordable health insurance policy for you, although,
20 at the same time, it may provide you with fewer health
21 insurance benefits than those normally included as
22 state-mandated health insurance benefits in policies in
23 Illinois."

24 (b) Each health insurance choice policy must contain the
25 following language at or near the beginning of the policy in

1 bold type:

2 "This health insurance choice policy, either in whole
3 or in part, does not provide state-mandated health benefits
4 normally required in accident and health insurance
5 policies in Illinois. This health insurance choice policy
6 may provide a more affordable health insurance policy for
7 you, although, at the same time, it may provide you with
8 fewer health insurance benefits than those normally
9 included as state-mandated health insurance benefits in
10 policies in Illinois."

11 Section 50. Disclosure statement.

12 (a) When a health insurance choice policy is issued, the
13 insurer providing such policy must provide an applicant with a
14 written disclosure statement that does the following:

15 (1) acknowledges that the health insurance choice
16 policy being purchased does not provide some or all
17 state-mandated health benefits;

18 (2) lists those state-mandated health benefits not
19 included under the health insurance choice policy; and

20 (3) includes a section that allows for a signature by
21 the applicant attesting to the fact that the applicant has
22 read and understands the disclosure statement and
23 attesting to the fact that the applicant has in fact been
24 given a choice between the health insurance choice policy
25 that he or she has chosen and a health insurance policy

1 that includes all state-mandated health benefits.

2 (b) Each applicant for initial coverage must sign the
3 disclosure statement provided by the insurer under subsection
4 (a) of this Section and return the statement to the insurer.

5 (c) An insurer must:

6 (1) retain the signed disclosure statement in the
7 insurer's records; and

8 (2) provide the signed disclosure statement to the
9 Department upon request from the Secretary.

10 Section 55. Rates.

11 (a) Except as expressly provided in paragraphs (b) and (c)
12 of this Section, the Small Employer Health Insurance Rating Act
13 shall apply to each health insurance choice policy that is
14 delivered, issued for delivery, renewed, or continued in this
15 State.

16 (b) An insurer may establish one or more separate classes
17 of business for purposes of the Small Employer Health Insurance
18 Rating Act for health insurance choice policies delivered,
19 issued for delivery, renewed, or continued in this State, and
20 any such separate classes of business so established and
21 including only health insurance choice policies shall not
22 reduce the number of classes of business that an insurer may
23 otherwise establish under the Small Employer Health Insurance
24 Rating Act.

25 (c) Premium rates for health insurance choice policies

1 included in a separate class of business shall not be subject
2 to subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of Section 25 of the Small
3 Employer Health Insurance Rating Act.

4 Section 60. Rules. The Secretary shall adopt rules as
5 necessary to implement this Act.

6 Section 905. The Illinois Insurance Code is amended by
7 changing Section 352 and by adding Article XLVI as follows:

8 (215 ILCS 5/352) (from Ch. 73, par. 964)

9 Sec. 352. Scope of Article.

10 (a) Except as provided in subsections (b), (c), (d), and
11 (e), this Article shall apply to all companies transacting in
12 this State the kinds of business enumerated in clause (b) of
13 Class 1 and clause (a) of Class 2 of section 4. Nothing in this
14 Article shall apply to, or in any way affect policies or
15 contracts described in clause (a) of Class 1 of Section 4;
16 however, this Article shall apply to policies and contracts
17 which contain benefits providing reimbursement for the
18 expenses of long term health care which are certified or
19 ordered by a physician including but not limited to
20 professional nursing care, custodial nursing care, and
21 non-nursing custodial care provided in a nursing home or at a
22 residence of the insured.

23 (b) This Article does not apply to policies of accident and

1 health insurance issued in compliance with Article XIXB of this
2 Code or the Health Insurance Choice Act.

3 (c) A policy issued and delivered in this State that
4 provides coverage under that policy for certificate holders who
5 are neither residents of nor employed in this State does not
6 need to provide to those nonresident certificate holders who
7 are not employed in this State the coverages or services
8 mandated by this Article.

9 (d) Stop-loss insurance is exempt from all Sections of this
10 Article, except this Section and Sections 353a, 354, 357.30,
11 and 370. For purposes of this exemption, stop-loss insurance is
12 further defined as follows:

13 (1) The policy must be issued to and insure an
14 employer, trustee, or other sponsor of the plan, or the
15 plan itself, but not employees, members, or participants.

16 (2) Payments by the insurer must be made to the
17 employer, trustee, or other sponsors of the plan, or the
18 plan itself, but not to the employees, members,
19 participants, or health care providers.

20 (e) A policy issued or delivered in this State to the
21 Department of Healthcare and Family Services (formerly
22 Illinois Department of Public Aid) and providing coverage,
23 under clause (b) of Class 1 or clause (a) of Class 2 as
24 described in Section 4, to persons who are enrolled under
25 Article V of the Illinois Public Aid Code or under the
26 Children's Health Insurance Program Act is exempt from all

1 restrictions, limitations, standards, rules, or regulations
2 respecting benefits imposed by or under authority of this Code,
3 except those specified by subsection (1) of Section 143.
4 Nothing in this subsection, however, affects the total medical
5 services available to persons eligible for medical assistance
6 under the Illinois Public Aid Code.

7 (Source: P.A. 92-370, eff. 8-15-01; revised 12-15-05.)

8 (215 ILCS 5/Art. XLVI heading new)

9 ARTICLE XLVI. ILLINOIS HEALTH INSURANCE PREMIUM ASSISTANCE

10 (215 ILCS 5/1600 new)

11 Sec. 1600. Short title. This Article may be cited as the
12 Illinois Health Insurance Premium Assistance Program.

13 (215 ILCS 5/1605 new)

14 Sec. 1605. Legislative intent. The General Assembly finds
15 that, for the economic and social benefit of all residents of
16 this State, it is important to enable all State residents to
17 access affordable health insurance coverage.

18 (215 ILCS 5/1610 new)

19 Sec. 1610. Definitions. In this Article:
20 "Carrier" is defined as in the Small Employer Health
21 Insurance Rating Act.

22 "Department" means the Department of Healthcare and Family

1 Services.

2 "Employee" has the same meaning as provided in the Illinois
3 Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act.

4 "Eligible individual" means an individual who:

5 (1) is a resident of the State of Illinois;

6 (2) is not eligible for Medicare;

7 (3) except as otherwise provided by the Department, has
8 family income less than 300% of the federal poverty level
9 or, if the individual is not married, has income less than
10 100% of the federal poverty level;

11 (4) has investments, savings or other assets less than
12 the limit established by the Department; and

13 (5) Meets other eligibility criteria established by
14 the Department.

15 "Family" means:

16 (1) a single individual;

17 (2) an adult and the adult's spouse;

18 (3) an adult and the adult's spouse, all unmarried,
19 dependent children less than 23 years of age, including
20 adopted children, children placed for adoption and
21 children under the legal guardianship of the adult or the
22 adult's spouse;

23 (4) an adult and the adult's unmarried, dependent
24 children less than 23 years of age, including adopted
25 children, children placed for adoption and children under
26 the legal guardianship of the adult; or

1 (5) a dependent elderly relative or a dependent adult
2 disabled child who meets criteria established by the
3 Department and who lives in the home of the adult described
4 in paragraph (1), (2), (3), or (4) of this definition.

5 "Federal poverty level" means the federal poverty level
6 guidelines published annually by the United States Department
7 of Health and Human Services.

8 "Family member" means an employee's spouse, any unmarried
9 child or stepchild within age limits and other conditions
10 imposed by the Department of Professional and Financial
11 Regulation's Division of Insurance with regard to unmarried
12 children or stepchildren or any other dependents eligible under
13 the terms of the health benefit plan selected by the employee's
14 employer.

15 "Health benefit plan" has the same meaning as provided in
16 the Small Employer Health Insurance Rating Act. "Health benefit
17 plan" includes the Illinois Comprehensive Health Insurance
18 Plan and any plan provided by a less than fully insured
19 multiple employer welfare arrangement or by another benefit
20 arrangement defined in the federal Employee Retirement Income
21 Security Act of 1974, as amended. "Health benefit plan" does
22 not include coverage for accident only, specific disease or
23 condition only, credit, disability income, coverage of
24 Medicare services pursuant to contracts with the federal
25 government, Medicare supplement insurance, student accident
26 and health insurance, long term care insurance, hospital

1 indemnity only, dental only, vision only, coverage issued as a
2 supplement to liability insurance, insurance arising out of a
3 workers' compensation or similar law, automobile medical
4 payment insurance, insurance under which the benefits are
5 payable with or without regard to fault and that is legally
6 required to be contained in any liability insurance policy or
7 equivalent self-insurance or coverage obtained or provided in
8 another state but not available in Illinois.

9 "Income" means gross income in cash or kind available to
10 the applicant or the applicant's family. "Income" does not
11 include earned income of the applicant's children or income
12 earned by a spouse if there is a legal separation.

13 "Premium" means the monthly or other periodic charge for a
14 health benefit plan.

15 "Program" means the Illinois Health Insurance Premium
16 Assistance Program.

17 "Rebate" means payment or reimbursement to an eligible
18 individual toward the eligible individual's purchase or
19 contribution of premium towards a health benefit plan for the
20 eligible individual and the eligible individual's family and
21 may include co-payments or deductible expenses that are the
22 responsibility of the eligible individual.

23 "Small employer" has the same meaning as provided in the
24 Illinois Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act.

25 "Third-party administrator" means any insurance company or
26 other entity licensed under the Illinois Insurance Code to

1 administer health insurance benefit programs.

2 (215 ILCS 5/1615 new)

3 Sec. 1615. Program Operation. The Illinois Health
4 Insurance Premium Assistance Program is created. The Program
5 shall be administered by the Department of Healthcare and
6 Family Services. The Department shall have the same powers and
7 authority to administer the Program as are provided to the
8 Department in connection with the Department's administration
9 of the Illinois Public Aid Code, the Children's Health
10 Insurance Program Act, and the Covering ALL KIDS Health
11 Insurance Program.

12 (215 ILCS 5/1620 new)

13 Sec. 1620. Additional duties of Department; rules.

14 (a) In carrying out its duties under this Article, the
15 Department may:

16 (1) enter into contracts for administration of this
17 Article that include, but are not limited to:

18 (a) distribution of rebate payments;

19 (b) eligibility determination;

20 (c) data collection;

21 (d) financial tracking and reporting; and

22 (e) such other services as the Department may deem
23 necessary for the administration of the Program; and

24 (2) retain consultants and employ staff.

1 (b) The Department shall adopt rules reasonably necessary
2 to carry out the purposes of this Article. If the Department
3 decides to enter into any contract pursuant to this subsection,
4 the Department shall engage in competitive bidding.

5 (215 ILCS 5/1625 new)

6 Sec. 1625. Application to participate in Program; issuance
7 of rebates; restrictions; health benefit plan enrollment.

8 (a) To enroll in the Program, an applicant shall submit a
9 written application to the Department in the form and manner
10 prescribed by the Department. If the applicant qualifies as an
11 eligible individual, the applicant shall either be enrolled in
12 the Program or placed on a waiting list for enrollment.

13 (b) After an eligible individual has enrolled in the
14 Program, the individual shall remain eligible for enrollment
15 for the period of time established by the Department.

16 (c) After an eligible individual has enrolled in the
17 Program, the Department shall issue rebates as provided in
18 accordance with the restrictions in Section 25 of the
19 Children's Health Insurance Program Act and available
20 appropriations.

21 (d) Rebates may not be issued to an eligible individual
22 unless all eligible children, if any, in the eligible
23 individual's family are covered under a health benefit plan,
24 Medicaid, or the Covering ALL KIDS Health Insurance Act.

25 (e) Rebates may not be used to subsidize premiums on a

1 health benefit plan whose premiums are wholly paid by the
2 eligible individual's employer.

3 (f) The Department may issue rebates to an eligible
4 individual in advance of a purchase of a health benefit plan.

5 (g) An eligible individual must enroll in a health benefit
6 plan if such a plan is available to the eligible individual
7 through the individual's employment.

8 (h) Notwithstanding Section 1610, if an eligible
9 individual is enrolled in a group health benefit plan available
10 to the eligible individual through the individual's
11 employment, and the employer requires enrollment in both a
12 health benefit plan and a dental plan, the individual is
13 eligible for a rebate for both the health benefit plan and the
14 dental plan.

15 (215 ILCS 5/1630 new)

16 Sec. 1630. Level of assistance determinations.

17 (a) The Department shall determine the level of assistance
18 to be granted under Section 1625 based on a sliding scale that
19 considers:

20 (1) family size;

21 (2) family income;

22 (3) the number of members of a family who will receive
23 health benefit plan coverage subsidized through the
24 Program; and

25 (4) such other factors as the Department may establish.

1 (b) Notwithstanding the sliding scale established in
2 subsection (a) of this Section, the Department may establish
3 different assistance levels for otherwise similarly situated
4 eligible individuals based on factors including but not limited
5 to whether the individual is enrolled in an employer-sponsored
6 group health benefit plan or an individual health benefit plan.

7 (215 ILCS 5/1635 new)

8 Sec. 1635. Rebates limited to funds appropriated;
9 enrollment restrictions.

10 (a) Notwithstanding eligibility criteria and rebate
11 amounts established in this Article, rebates shall be provided
12 only to the extent the General Assembly specifically
13 appropriates funds to provide such assistance.

14 (b) The Department may prohibit or limit enrollment in the
15 Program to ensure that Program expenditures are within
16 legislatively appropriated amounts. Prohibitions or
17 limitations allowed under this Section may include but are not
18 limited to:

19 (1) lowering the allowable income level necessary to
20 qualify as an eligible individual; and

21 (2) establishing a waiting list of eligible
22 individuals who shall receive rebates only when sufficient
23 funds are available.

24 (215 ILCS 5/1640 new)

1 Sec. 1640. Emergency rulemaking. The Department may adopt
2 rules necessary to establish and implement this Article through
3 the use of emergency rulemaking in accordance with Section 5-45
4 of the Illinois Administrative Procedure Act. For the purposes
5 of that Act, the General Assembly finds that the adoption of
6 rules to implement this Article is deemed an emergency and
7 necessary for the public interest, safety, and welfare. This
8 Section is repealed on July 1, 2008.

9 (215 ILCS 5/1645 new)

10 Sec. 1645. Funding. This Article shall only take effect
11 upon the approval of a federal waiver by the Centers for
12 Medicare and Medicaid Services of the U.S. Department of Health
13 and Human Services for the funding for the rebates provided
14 under this Article.

15 (215 ILCS 5/1650 new)

16 Sec. 1650. Severability. If any provision of this Article
17 or its application to any person or circumstance is held
18 invalid, the invalidity of that provision or application does
19 not affect other provisions or applications of this Article
20 that can be given effect without the invalid provision or
21 application, and to this end the provisions of this Article are
22 severable.

23 (215 ILCS 5/1655 new)

1 Sec. 1655. Repealer. This Article is repealed on December
2 31, 2017.

3 Section 910. The Children's Health Insurance Program Act is
4 amended by changing Sections 20 and 40 and adding Section 27 as
5 follows:

6 (215 ILCS 106/20)

7 Sec. 20. Eligibility.

8 (a) To be eligible for this Program, a person must be a
9 person who has a child eligible under this Act and who is
10 eligible under a waiver of federal requirements pursuant to an
11 application made pursuant to subdivision (a)(1) of Section 40
12 of this Act or who is a child who:

13 (1) is a child who is not eligible for medical
14 assistance;

15 (2) is a child whose annual household income, as
16 determined by the Department, is above 133% of the federal
17 poverty level and at or below 300% ~~200%~~ of the federal
18 poverty level;

19 (3) is a resident of the State of Illinois; and

20 (4) is a child who is either a United States citizen or
21 included in one of the following categories of
22 non-citizens:

23 (A) unmarried dependent children of either a
24 United States Veteran honorably discharged or a person

1 on active military duty;

2 (B) refugees under Section 207 of the Immigration
3 and Nationality Act;

4 (C) asylees under Section 208 of the Immigration
5 and Nationality Act;

6 (D) persons for whom deportation has been withheld
7 under Section 243(h) of the Immigration and
8 Nationality Act;

9 (E) persons granted conditional entry under
10 Section 203(a)(7) of the Immigration and Nationality
11 Act as in effect prior to April 1, 1980;

12 (F) persons lawfully admitted for permanent
13 residence under the Immigration and Nationality Act;
14 and

15 (G) parolees, for at least one year, under Section
16 212(d)(5) of the Immigration and Nationality Act.

17 Those children who are in the categories set forth in
18 subdivisions (4)(F) and (4)(G) of this subsection, who enter
19 the United States on or after August 22, 1996, shall not be
20 eligible for 5 years beginning on the date the child entered
21 the United States.

22 (b) A child who is determined to be eligible for assistance
23 may remain eligible for 12 months, provided the child maintains
24 his or her residence in the State, has not yet attained 19
25 years of age, and is not excluded pursuant to subsection (c). A
26 child who has been determined to be eligible for assistance

1 must reapply or otherwise establish eligibility at least
2 annually. An eligible child shall be required, as determined by
3 the Department by rule, to report promptly those changes in
4 income and other circumstances that affect eligibility. The
5 eligibility of a child may be redetermined based on the
6 information reported or may be terminated based on the failure
7 to report or failure to report accurately. A child's
8 responsible relative or caretaker may also be held liable to
9 the Department for any payments made by the Department on such
10 child's behalf that were inappropriate. An applicant shall be
11 provided with notice of these obligations.

12 (c) A child shall not be eligible for coverage under this
13 Program if:

14 (1) the premium required pursuant to Section 30 of this
15 Act has not been paid. If the required premiums are not
16 paid the liability of the Program shall be limited to
17 benefits incurred under the Program for the time period for
18 which premiums had been paid. If the required monthly
19 premium is not paid, the child shall be ineligible for
20 re-enrollment for a minimum period of 3 months.
21 Re-enrollment shall be completed prior to the next covered
22 medical visit and the first month's required premium shall
23 be paid in advance of the next covered medical visit. The
24 Department shall promulgate rules regarding grace periods,
25 notice requirements, and hearing procedures pursuant to
26 this subsection;

1 (2) the child is an inmate of a public institution or a
2 patient in an institution for mental diseases; or

3 (3) the child is a member of a family that is eligible
4 for health benefits covered under the State of Illinois
5 health benefits plan on the basis of a member's employment
6 with a public agency.

7 (Source: P.A. 92-597, eff. 6-28-02; 93-63, eff. 6-30-03.)

8 (215 ILCS 106/27 new)

9 Sec. 27. Transition to enhanced primary care case
10 management program.

11 (a) On and after July 1, 2008, the Department of Healthcare
12 and Family Services shall implement an enhanced primary care
13 case management program for selected populations of persons.
14 The enhanced primary care case management program is a
15 non-capitated model of Medicaid managed care with enhanced
16 components to:

17 (1) improve patient health and social outcomes;

18 (2) improve access to care;

19 (3) ensure the efficient and cost effective delivery of
20 health care; and

21 (4) integrate the spectrum of acute care and long-term
22 care services and supports.

23 (b) In developing the enhanced primary care case management
24 program, the Department shall ensure that the program utilizes
25 managed care principles and strategies to ensure proper

1 utilization of acute care and long-term care services and
2 supports. The components of the model must include all of the
3 following:

4 (1) The assignment of enrollees to a medical home.

5 (2) Utilization management to ensure appropriate
6 access and utilization of services, including prescription
7 drugs.

8 (3) Health risk or functional needs assessment.

9 (4) A method for reporting to medical homes and other
10 appropriate health care providers on the utilization by
11 recipients of health care services and the associated cost
12 of utilization of those services.

13 (5) Mechanisms to reduce inappropriate emergency
14 department utilization by recipients, including the
15 provision of after-hours primary care.

16 (6) Mechanisms that ensure a robust system of care
17 coordination for assessing, planning, coordinating, and
18 monitoring recipients with complex, chronic, or high-cost
19 health care or social support needs, including attendant
20 care and other services needed to remain in the community.

21 (7) Implementation of a comprehensive, community-based
22 initiative to educate recipients about effective use of the
23 health care delivery system.

24 (8) Strategies to prevent or delay
25 institutionalization of recipients through the effective
26 utilization of home and community-based support services.

1 (9) Any other components the Department determines
2 will improve a recipient's health outcomes and are
3 cost-effective.

4 (c) The Department shall adopt rules establishing the
5 populations that must participate in the enhanced primary care
6 case management program. At a minimum, those populations must
7 include all persons eligible for benefits under Sections 20 and
8 40. The Department shall adopt rules providing for the
9 implementation and continued oversight of the enhanced primary
10 care case management program.

11 (d) Every person eligible for or receiving assistance under
12 this Act shall participate in the program authorized by this
13 Section. A recipient shall not be required to participate in,
14 and shall be permitted to withdraw from, the enhanced primary
15 care case management program upon showing that an individual
16 with a chronic medical condition being treated by a specialist
17 physician that is not associated with a provider in the
18 participant's service area may defer participation in the
19 enhanced primary care case management program until the course
20 of treatment is complete.

21 (e) The following medical assistance recipients shall not
22 be required to participate in the enhanced primary care case
23 management program established pursuant to this Section, but
24 may voluntarily opt to do so:

25 (1) A person receiving services provided by a
26 residential alcohol or substance abuse program or facility

1 for the developmentally disabled.

2 (2) A person receiving services provided by an
3 intermediate care facility for the developmentally
4 disabled or who has characteristics and needs similar to
5 such persons.

6 (3) A person with a developmental or physical
7 disability who receives home and community-based services
8 or care-at-home services through existing waivers under
9 Section 1915(c) of the federal Social Security Act or who
10 has characteristics and needs similar to such persons.

11 (4) Native Americans.

12 (5) Medicare/Medicaid dually eligible individuals not
13 enrolled in a Medicare TEFRA plan.

14 (f) The following medical assistance recipients shall not
15 be eligible to participate in the enhanced primary care case
16 management program established pursuant to this Section:

17 (1) A person receiving services provided by a long term
18 home health care program, or a person receiving inpatient
19 services in a State-operated psychiatric facility or a
20 residential treatment facility for children and youth.

21 (2) A person eligible for Medicare participating in a
22 capitated demonstration program for long term care.

23 (3) An infant living with an incarcerated mother in a
24 State or local correctional facility as defined in Section
25 3-1-2 of the Unified Code of Corrections.

26 (4) A person who is expected to be eligible for medical

1 assistance for less than 6 months.

2 (5) A person who is eligible for medical assistance
3 benefits only with respect to tuberculosis-related
4 services.

5 (6) Certified blind or disabled children living or
6 expected to be living separate and apart from the parent
7 for 30 days or more.

8 (7) Residents of nursing facilities at the time of
9 enrollment in the program.

10 (8) Individuals receiving hospice services at the time
11 of enrollment in the program.

12 (9) A person who has primary medical or health care
13 coverage available from or under a third-party payor which
14 may be maintained by payment, or part payment, of the
15 premium or cost-sharing amounts, when payment of such
16 premium or cost-sharing amounts would be cost-effective,
17 as determined by the Department.

18 (10) A foster child in the placement of a voluntary
19 agency.

20 (g) The Department shall adopt rules providing for the
21 implementation and continued oversight of the enhanced primary
22 care case management program.

23 (h) The Department shall implement the enhanced primary
24 care case management program in a manner that maximizes all
25 available State and federal funds, including those obtained
26 through intergovernmental transfers, supplemental Medicaid

1 payments, and the disproportionate share program.

2 (i) Waivers. The Department of Healthcare and Family
3 Services shall promptly apply for all waivers of federal law
4 and regulations that are necessary to allow the full
5 implementation of this Section.

6 (215 ILCS 106/40)

7 Sec. 40. Waivers.

8 (a) The Department shall request any necessary waivers of
9 federal requirements in order to allow receipt of federal
10 funding for:

11 (1) the coverage of families with eligible children
12 under this Act; and

13 (2) for the coverage of children who would otherwise be
14 eligible under this Act, but who have health insurance.

15 (b) The failure of the responsible federal agency to
16 approve a waiver for children who would otherwise be eligible
17 under this Act but who have health insurance shall not prevent
18 the implementation of any Section of this Act provided that
19 there are sufficient appropriated funds.

20 (c) Eligibility of a person under an approved waiver due to
21 the relationship with a child pursuant to Article V of the
22 Illinois Public Aid Code or this Act shall be limited to such a
23 person whose countable income is determined by the Department
24 to be at or below such income eligibility standard as the
25 Department by rule shall establish. The income level

1 established by the Department shall not be below 200% ~~90%~~ of
2 the federal poverty level. Such persons who are determined to
3 be eligible must reapply, or otherwise establish eligibility,
4 at least annually. An eligible person shall be required, as
5 determined by the Department by rule, to report promptly those
6 changes in income and other circumstances that affect
7 eligibility. The eligibility of a person may be redetermined
8 based on the information reported or may be terminated based on
9 the failure to report or failure to report accurately. A person
10 may also be held liable to the Department for any payments made
11 by the Department on such person's behalf that were
12 inappropriate. An applicant shall be provided with notice of
13 these obligations.

14 (Source: P.A. 92-597, eff. 6-28-02; 93-63, eff. 6-30-03.)

15 Section 915. The Illinois Public Aid Code is amended by
16 changing Section 5-2 and by adding Sections 5-3.5, 5-16.14, and
17 5-16.15 as follows:

18 (305 ILCS 5/5-2) (from Ch. 23, par. 5-2)

19 Sec. 5-2. Classes of Persons Eligible. Medical assistance
20 under this Article shall be available to any of the following
21 classes of persons in respect to whom a plan for coverage has
22 been submitted to the Governor by the Illinois Department and
23 approved by him:

24 1. Recipients of basic maintenance grants under

1 Articles III and IV.

2 2. Persons otherwise eligible for basic maintenance
3 under Articles III and IV but who fail to qualify
4 thereunder on the basis of need, and who have insufficient
5 income and resources to meet the costs of necessary medical
6 care, including but not limited to the following:

7 (a) All persons otherwise eligible for basic
8 maintenance under Article III but who fail to qualify
9 under that Article on the basis of need and who meet
10 either of the following requirements:

11 (i) their income, as determined by the
12 Illinois Department in accordance with any federal
13 requirements, is equal to or less than 70% in
14 fiscal year 2001, equal to or less than 85% in
15 fiscal year 2002 and until a date to be determined
16 by the Department by rule, and equal to or less
17 than 100% beginning on the date determined by the
18 Department by rule, of the nonfarm income official
19 poverty line, as defined by the federal Office of
20 Management and Budget and revised annually in
21 accordance with Section 673(2) of the Omnibus
22 Budget Reconciliation Act of 1981, applicable to
23 families of the same size; or

24 (ii) their income, after the deduction of
25 costs incurred for medical care and for other types
26 of remedial care, is equal to or less than 70% in

1 fiscal year 2001, equal to or less than 85% in
2 fiscal year 2002 and until a date to be determined
3 by the Department by rule, and equal to or less
4 than 100% beginning on the date determined by the
5 Department by rule, of the nonfarm income official
6 poverty line, as defined in item (i) of this
7 subparagraph (a).

8 (b) All persons who would be determined eligible
9 for such basic maintenance under Article IV by
10 disregarding the maximum earned income permitted by
11 federal law.

12 3. Persons who would otherwise qualify for Aid to the
13 Medically Indigent under Article VII.

14 4. Persons not eligible under any of the preceding
15 paragraphs who fall sick, are injured, or die, not having
16 sufficient money, property or other resources to meet the
17 costs of necessary medical care or funeral and burial
18 expenses.

19 5.(a) Women during pregnancy, after the fact of
20 pregnancy has been determined by medical diagnosis, and
21 during the 60-day period beginning on the last day of the
22 pregnancy, together with their infants and children born
23 after September 30, 1983, whose income and resources are
24 insufficient to meet the costs of necessary medical care to
25 the maximum extent possible under Title XIX of the Federal
26 Social Security Act.

1 (b) The Illinois Department and the Governor shall
2 provide a plan for coverage of the persons eligible under
3 paragraph 5(a) by April 1, 1990. Such plan shall provide
4 ambulatory prenatal care to pregnant women during a
5 presumptive eligibility period and establish an income
6 eligibility standard that is equal to 133% of the nonfarm
7 income official poverty line, as defined by the federal
8 Office of Management and Budget and revised annually in
9 accordance with Section 673(2) of the Omnibus Budget
10 Reconciliation Act of 1981, applicable to families of the
11 same size, provided that costs incurred for medical care
12 are not taken into account in determining such income
13 eligibility.

14 (c) The Illinois Department may conduct a
15 demonstration in at least one county that will provide
16 medical assistance to pregnant women, together with their
17 infants and children up to one year of age, where the
18 income eligibility standard is set up to 185% of the
19 nonfarm income official poverty line, as defined by the
20 federal Office of Management and Budget. The Illinois
21 Department shall seek and obtain necessary authorization
22 provided under federal law to implement such a
23 demonstration. Such demonstration may establish resource
24 standards that are not more restrictive than those
25 established under Article IV of this Code.

26 6. Persons under the age of 18 who fail to qualify as

1 dependent under Article IV and who have insufficient income
2 and resources to meet the costs of necessary medical care
3 to the maximum extent permitted under Title XIX of the
4 Federal Social Security Act.

5 7. Persons who are under 21 years of age and would
6 qualify as disabled as defined under the Federal
7 Supplemental Security Income Program, provided medical
8 service for such persons would be eligible for Federal
9 Financial Participation, and provided the Illinois
10 Department determines that:

11 (a) the person requires a level of care provided by
12 a hospital, skilled nursing facility, or intermediate
13 care facility, as determined by a physician licensed to
14 practice medicine in all its branches;

15 (b) it is appropriate to provide such care outside
16 of an institution, as determined by a physician
17 licensed to practice medicine in all its branches;

18 (c) the estimated amount which would be expended
19 for care outside the institution is not greater than
20 the estimated amount which would be expended in an
21 institution.

22 8. Persons who become ineligible for basic maintenance
23 assistance under Article IV of this Code in programs
24 administered by the Illinois Department due to employment
25 earnings and persons in assistance units comprised of
26 adults and children who become ineligible for basic

1 maintenance assistance under Article VI of this Code due to
2 employment earnings. The plan for coverage for this class
3 of persons shall:

4 (a) extend the medical assistance coverage for up
5 to 12 months following termination of basic
6 maintenance assistance; and

7 (b) offer persons who have initially received 6
8 months of the coverage provided in paragraph (a) above,
9 the option of receiving an additional 6 months of
10 coverage, subject to the following:

11 (i) such coverage shall be pursuant to
12 provisions of the federal Social Security Act;

13 (ii) such coverage shall include all services
14 covered while the person was eligible for basic
15 maintenance assistance;

16 (iii) no premium shall be charged for such
17 coverage; and

18 (iv) such coverage shall be suspended in the
19 event of a person's failure without good cause to
20 file in a timely fashion reports required for this
21 coverage under the Social Security Act and
22 coverage shall be reinstated upon the filing of
23 such reports if the person remains otherwise
24 eligible.

25 9. Persons with acquired immunodeficiency syndrome
26 (AIDS) or with AIDS-related conditions with respect to whom

1 there has been a determination that but for home or
2 community-based services such individuals would require
3 the level of care provided in an inpatient hospital,
4 skilled nursing facility or intermediate care facility the
5 cost of which is reimbursed under this Article. Assistance
6 shall be provided to such persons to the maximum extent
7 permitted under Title XIX of the Federal Social Security
8 Act.

9 10. Participants in the long-term care insurance
10 partnership program established under the Partnership for
11 Long-Term Care Act who meet the qualifications for
12 protection of resources described in Section 25 of that
13 Act.

14 11. Persons with disabilities who are employed and
15 eligible for Medicaid, pursuant to Section
16 1902(a)(10)(A)(ii)(xv) of the Social Security Act, as
17 provided by the Illinois Department by rule.

18 12. Subject to federal approval, persons who are
19 eligible for medical assistance coverage under applicable
20 provisions of the federal Social Security Act and the
21 federal Breast and Cervical Cancer Prevention and
22 Treatment Act of 2000. Those eligible persons are defined
23 to include, but not be limited to, the following persons:

24 (1) persons who have been screened for breast or
25 cervical cancer under the U.S. Centers for Disease
26 Control and Prevention Breast and Cervical Cancer

1 Program established under Title XV of the federal
2 Public Health Services Act in accordance with the
3 requirements of Section 1504 of that Act as
4 administered by the Illinois Department of Public
5 Health; and

6 (2) persons whose screenings under the above
7 program were funded in whole or in part by funds
8 appropriated to the Illinois Department of Public
9 Health for breast or cervical cancer screening.

10 "Medical assistance" under this paragraph 12 shall be
11 identical to the benefits provided under the State's
12 approved plan under Title XIX of the Social Security Act.
13 The Department must request federal approval of the
14 coverage under this paragraph 12 within 30 days after the
15 effective date of this amendatory Act of the 92nd General
16 Assembly.

17 13. Subject to appropriation and to federal approval,
18 persons living with HIV/AIDS who are not otherwise eligible
19 under this Article and who qualify for services covered
20 under Section 5-5.04 as provided by the Illinois Department
21 by rule.

22 14. Subject to the availability of funds for this
23 purpose, the Department may provide coverage under this
24 Article to persons who reside in Illinois who are not
25 eligible under any of the preceding paragraphs and who meet
26 the income guidelines of paragraph 2(a) of this Section and

1 (i) have an application for asylum pending before the
2 federal Department of Homeland Security or on appeal before
3 a court of competent jurisdiction and are represented
4 either by counsel or by an advocate accredited by the
5 federal Department of Homeland Security and employed by a
6 not-for-profit organization in regard to that application
7 or appeal, or (ii) are receiving services through a
8 federally funded torture treatment center. Medical
9 coverage under this paragraph 14 may be provided for up to
10 24 continuous months from the initial eligibility date so
11 long as an individual continues to satisfy the criteria of
12 this paragraph 14. If an individual has an appeal pending
13 regarding an application for asylum before the Department
14 of Homeland Security, eligibility under this paragraph 14
15 may be extended until a final decision is rendered on the
16 appeal. The Department may adopt rules governing the
17 implementation of this paragraph 14.

18 15. Subject to appropriations and federal approval,
19 any individual who resides in Illinois and has an income
20 level, as determined by the Illinois Department in
21 accordance with any federal requirements, that is between
22 zero and 100% of the federal poverty guidelines as
23 published annually by the United States Department of
24 Health and Human Services. The Department shall promptly
25 apply for all waivers of federal law and regulations that
26 are necessary to allow the full implementation of this

1 paragraph 15.

2 The Illinois Department and the Governor shall provide a
3 plan for coverage of the persons eligible under paragraph 7 as
4 soon as possible after July 1, 1984.

5 The eligibility of any such person for medical assistance
6 under this Article is not affected by the payment of any grant
7 under the Senior Citizens and Disabled Persons Property Tax
8 Relief and Pharmaceutical Assistance Act or any distributions
9 or items of income described under subparagraph (X) of
10 paragraph (2) of subsection (a) of Section 203 of the Illinois
11 Income Tax Act. The Department shall by rule establish the
12 amounts of assets to be disregarded in determining eligibility
13 for medical assistance, which shall at a minimum equal the
14 amounts to be disregarded under the Federal Supplemental
15 Security Income Program. The amount of assets of a single
16 person to be disregarded shall not be less than \$2,000, and the
17 amount of assets of a married couple to be disregarded shall
18 not be less than \$3,000.

19 To the extent permitted under federal law, any person found
20 guilty of a second violation of Article VIIIA shall be
21 ineligible for medical assistance under this Article, as
22 provided in Section 8A-8.

23 The eligibility of any person for medical assistance under
24 this Article shall not be affected by the receipt by the person
25 of donations or benefits from fundraisers held for the person
26 in cases of serious illness, as long as neither the person nor

1 members of the person's family have actual control over the
2 donations or benefits or the disbursement of the donations or
3 benefits.

4 (Source: P.A. 93-20, eff. 6-20-03; 94-629, eff. 1-1-06;
5 94-1043, eff. 7-24-06.)

6 (305 ILCS 5/5-3.5 new)

7 Sec. 5-3.5. Method of providing health benefits coverage.

8 (a) Subject to appropriation and federal approval, the
9 Department of Healthcare and Family Services shall provide
10 health benefits coverage to eligible individuals by:

11 (1) subsidizing the cost of privately sponsored health
12 insurance, including employer-based health insurance, to
13 assist individuals in taking advantage of available
14 privately sponsored health insurance; and

15 (2) purchasing or providing health care benefits for
16 eligible individuals.

17 For individuals eligible for Medicaid under a mandatory
18 eligibility group who have access to privately sponsored health
19 insurance, the health benefits provided under subdivision
20 (a)(2) shall continue to be the benefit package specified in
21 the State Medicaid plan. In addition, such individuals shall be
22 subject to nominal cost-sharing only, in accordance with the
23 State Medicaid plan.

24 (b) The subsidization provided pursuant to subdivision
25 (a)(1) shall be credited to the eligible individual.

1 (c) For an eligible individual who is not included in a
2 mandatory Medicaid eligibility group, the Department is
3 prohibited from denying coverage to an individual who is
4 enrolled in a privately sponsored health insurance plan
5 pursuant to subdivision (a)(1) because the plan does not meet
6 federal benchmarking standards or cost-sharing and
7 contribution requirements. To be eligible for inclusion in the
8 Program, the plan shall contain comprehensive major medical
9 coverage which shall consist of physician and hospital
10 inpatient services. The Department is prohibited from denying
11 coverage to an individual who is enrolled in a privately
12 sponsored health insurance plan pursuant to subdivision (a)(1)
13 because the plan offers benefits in addition to physician and
14 hospital inpatient services.

15 (d) For all eligible individuals, provisions related to
16 benefits, cost-sharing, and premium assistance benefit costs
17 shall be consistent with federal law and regulations.

18 (e) The Department shall promptly apply for all waivers of
19 federal law and regulations that are necessary to allow the
20 full implementation of this Section.

21 (305 ILCS 5/5-16.14 new)

22 Sec. 5-16.14. Transition to enhanced primary care case
23 management program.

24 (a) On and after July 1, 2008, the Department of Healthcare
25 and Family Services shall implement an enhanced primary care

1 case management program for selected populations of persons.
2 The enhanced primary care case management program is a
3 non-capitated model of Medicaid managed care with enhanced
4 components to:

5 (1) improve patient health and social outcomes;

6 (2) improve access to care;

7 (3) ensure the efficient and cost effective delivery of
8 health care; and

9 (4) integrate the spectrum of acute care and long-term
10 care services and supports.

11 (b) In developing the enhanced primary care case management
12 program, the Department shall ensure that the program utilizes
13 managed care principles and strategies to ensure proper
14 utilization of acute care and long-term care services and
15 supports. The components of the model must include all of the
16 following:

17 (1) The assignment of enrollees to a medical home.

18 (2) Utilization management to ensure appropriate
19 access and utilization of services, including prescription
20 drugs.

21 (3) Health risk or functional needs assessment.

22 (4) A method for reporting to medical homes and other
23 appropriate health care providers on the utilization by
24 recipients of health care services and the associated cost
25 of utilization of those services.

26 (5) Mechanisms to reduce inappropriate emergency

1 department utilization by recipients, including the
2 provision of after-hours primary care.

3 (6) Mechanisms that ensure a robust system of care
4 coordination for assessing, planning, coordinating, and
5 monitoring recipients with complex, chronic, or high-cost
6 health care or social support needs, including attendant
7 care and other services needed to remain in the community.

8 (7) Implementation of a comprehensive, community-based
9 initiative to educate recipients about effective use of the
10 health care delivery system.

11 (8) Strategies to prevent or delay
12 institutionalization of recipients through the effective
13 utilization of home and community-based support services.

14 (9) Any other components the Department determines
15 will improve a recipient's health outcomes and are
16 cost-effective.

17 (c) The Department shall adopt rules establishing the
18 populations that must participate in the enhanced primary care
19 case management program.

20 (d) Every person eligible for or receiving medical
21 assistance under this Article shall participate in the program
22 authorized by this Section. A medical assistance recipient
23 shall not be required to participate in, and shall be permitted
24 to withdraw from, the enhanced primary care case management
25 program upon showing that:

26 (1) a pregnant woman with an established relationship,

1 as defined by the Department, with a comprehensive prenatal
2 primary care provider that is not associated with the
3 physician and provider network in the participant's
4 service area, may defer participation in the enhanced
5 primary care case management program while pregnant and for
6 60 days post-partum; or

7 (2) an individual with a chronic medical condition
8 being treated by a specialist physician that is not
9 associated with a provider in the participant's service
10 area may defer participation in the enhanced primary care
11 case management program until the course of treatment is
12 complete.

13 (e) The following medical assistance recipients shall not
14 be required to participate in the enhanced primary care case
15 management program established pursuant to this Section, but
16 may voluntarily opt to do so:

17 (1) A person receiving services provided by a
18 residential alcohol or substance abuse program or facility
19 for the developmentally disabled.

20 (2) A person receiving services provided by an
21 intermediate care facility for the developmentally
22 disabled or who has characteristics and needs similar to
23 such persons.

24 (3) A person with a developmental or physical
25 disability who receives home and community-based services
26 or care-at-home services through existing waivers under

1 Section 1915(c) of the federal Social Security Act or who
2 has characteristics and needs similar to such persons.

3 (4) Native Americans.

4 (5) Medicare/Medicaid dually eligible individuals not
5 enrolled in a Medicare TEFRA plan.

6 (f) The following medical assistance recipients shall not
7 be eligible to participate in the enhanced primary care case
8 management program established pursuant to this Section:

9 (1) A person receiving services provided by a long term
10 home health care program, or a person receiving inpatient
11 services in a State-operated psychiatric facility or a
12 residential treatment facility for children and youth.

13 (2) A person eligible for Medicare participating in a
14 capitated demonstration program for long term care.

15 (3) An infant living with an incarcerated mother in a
16 State or local correctional facility as defined in Section
17 3-1-2 of the Unified Code of Corrections.

18 (4) A person who is expected to be eligible for medical
19 assistance for less than 6 months.

20 (5) A person who is eligible for medical assistance
21 benefits only with respect to tuberculosis-related
22 services.

23 (6) Certified blind or disabled children living or
24 expected to be living separate and apart from the parent
25 for 30 days or more.

26 (7) Residents of nursing facilities at the time of

1 enrollment in the program.

2 (8) Individuals receiving hospice services at the time
3 of enrollment in the program.

4 (9) A person who has primary medical or health care
5 coverage available from or under a third-party payor which
6 may be maintained by payment, or part payment, of the
7 premium or cost-sharing amounts, when payment of such
8 premium or cost-sharing amounts would be cost-effective,
9 as determined by the Department.

10 (10) A foster child in the placement of a voluntary
11 agency.

12 (g) The Department shall adopt rules providing for the
13 implementation and continued oversight of the enhanced primary
14 care case management program.

15 (h) The Department shall implement the enhanced primary
16 care case management program in a manner that maximizes all
17 available State and federal funds, including those obtained
18 through intergovernmental transfers, supplemental Medicaid
19 payments, and the disproportionate share program.

20 (i) Waivers. The Department of Healthcare and Family
21 Services shall promptly apply for all waivers of federal law
22 and regulations that are necessary to allow the full
23 implementation of this Section.

24 (305 ILCS 5/5-16.15 new)

25 Sec. 5-16.15. Contracts with administrative services

1 organizations.

2 (a) In this Section, "administrative services
3 organization" means an entity that performs administrative and
4 management functions, such as the development of a physician
5 and provider network, care coordination, disease management,
6 service coordination, utilization review and management,
7 quality management, and patient and provider education, for a
8 non-capitated system of health care services, medical
9 services, or long-term care services and supports.

10 (b) Under the enhanced primary care case management
11 program, the Department may contract with one or more
12 administrative services organizations to perform the
13 coordination of care and other services and functions of the
14 enhanced primary care case management program.

15 (c) The Department may require that each administrative
16 services organization contracting with the Department under
17 this Section assume responsibility for exceeding
18 administrative costs and not meeting performance standards in
19 connection with the provision of acute care and long-term care
20 services and supports under the terms of the contract.

21 (d) The Department may include in a contract awarded under
22 this Section a written guarantee of State savings on Medicaid
23 expenditures for the recipients receiving services provided
24 under the enhanced primary care case management program
25 developed under Section 5-16.14.

26 (e) The Department may require that each administrative

1 services organization contracting with the Department under
2 this Section establish pay-for-performance incentives for
3 providers to improve patient outcomes.

4 (f) The Department may require each administrative
5 services organization contracting with the Department to
6 perform services under this Code to incorporate disease
7 management into the enhanced primary care case management
8 program utilizing the Medicaid disease management contractor
9 operating in the State until the date the disease management
10 contract expires."