

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 changing Section 5-20 as follows:

6 (305 ILCS 5/5-20)

7 Sec. 5-20. Electronic health care card. By December 31,
8 1994, the Illinois Department may develop and implement by rule
9 an electronic health information system to process claims
10 electronically and to electronically store Medicare and
11 Medicaid patient records, medical histories, and billing
12 information. The Illinois Department may issue each Medicare
13 and Medicaid recipient a health card containing electronically
14 coded information that will access the system, verify their
15 Medicare or Medicaid status, and display how much the patient
16 must pay in deductibles or copayments for a medical procedure.
17 The Illinois Department may also develop safeguards to protect
18 recipients' health information from misuse or unauthorized
19 disclosure.

20 On or before July 1, 2011, the Department shall cease
21 issuing monthly MediPlan cards and shall instead issue
22 permanent or semi-permanent member cards to individuals
23 enrolled for medical assistance. Furthermore, the Department

1 may employ any reasonable means by which providers may verify
2 an individual's eligibility for medical assistance in place of
3 MediPlan cards.

4 (Source: P.A. 88-308; 88-670, eff. 12-2-94.)