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96TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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Introduced 2/3/2010, by Rep. Patricia R. Bellock

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

305 ILCS 5/5-2.01 new

    Amends the Illinois Public Aid Code. Provides that not later than one
year after the effective date of this amendatory Act, the Director of the
Department of Healthcare and Family Services shall implement an
internet-based transparency program under which the Director shall make
available through the Department's Internet website non-aggregated
information on individuals collected under the State's Medicaid program
insofar as such information has been de-identified in accordance with
regulations promulgated pursuant to the Illinois Health Insurance
Portability and Accountability Act. Imposes certain standards on the
presentation of such information. Contains provisions concerning reporting
requirements.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT
MAY APPLY

A BILL FOR

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 5-2.01 as follows:

6   (305 ILCS 5/5-2.01 new)

7   Sec. 5-2.01. Medicaid accountability through transparency

8   program.

9   (a) Internet-based transparency program. Not later than

10   one year after the effective date of this amendatory Act of the

11   96th General Assembly, the Director of the Department of

12   Healthcare and Family Services shall implement a program under

13   which the Director shall make available through the

14   Department's public Internet website non-aggregated

15   information on individuals collected under the State's

16   Medicaid program insofar as such information has been

17   de-identified in accordance with regulations promulgated

18   pursuant to the Illinois Health Insurance Portability and

19   Accountability Act. In implementing the program, the Director

20   shall ensure the following:

21   (1) The information made so available is in a format

22   that is easily accessible, useable, and understandable to

23   the public, including individuals interested in improving

1   the quality of care provided to individuals eligible for

2   items and services under this Article, researchers, health

3   care providers, and individuals interested in reducing the

4   prevalence of waste and fraud under this Article.

5   (2) The information made so available is as current as

6   deemed practical by the Director and shall be updated at

7   least once per calendar quarter.

8   (3) To the extent feasible:

9   (A) All hospitals, nursing homes, clinics, and

10   large physician practices included in such information

11   are identifiable by name to individuals who access the

12   information through the program.

13   (B) All individual health care providers not

14   described in subparagraph (A), including physicians

15   and dentists, are identifiable by unique identifier

16   numbers that are disclosed only to appropriate

17   officials within the Department of Healthcare and

18   Family Services.

19   (4) The Director periodically solicits comments from a

20   sampling of individuals who access the information through

21   the program on how to best improve the utility of the

22   program.

23   (b) Use of contractor. For purposes of implementing the

24   program under subsection (a) of this Section and ensuring the

25   information made available through the program is periodically

26   updated, the Director may select and enter into a contract with

1   a   public   or   private   entity   meeting   the   criteria   and

2   qualifications the Director determines appropriate.

3   (c) Annual reports. Not later than 2 years after the

4   effective date of this amendatory Act of the 96th General

5   Assembly and annually thereafter, the Director shall submit to

6   the General Assembly a report on the progress of the program

7   under subsection (a) of this Section, including on the extent

8   to which information made available through the program is

9   accessed and the extent to which comments received under

10 paragraph (4) of subsection (a) of this Section were used

11 during the year involved to improve the utility of the program.