

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. The Director of  
10 the Department of Healthcare and Family Services shall be  
11 authorized to implement a program under which the Director  
12 shall make available through the Department's public Internet  
13 website information on medical claims reimbursed under the  
14 State's medical assistance program insofar as such information  
15 has been de-identified in accordance with regulations  
16 promulgated pursuant to the Illinois Health Insurance  
17 Portability and Accountability Act. In implementing the  
18 program, the Director shall ensure the following:

19 (1) The information made so available shall be in a  
20 format that is easily accessible, useable, and  
21 understandable to the public, including individuals  
22 interested in improving the quality of care provided to  
23 individuals eligible for items and services under this

1 Article, researchers, health care providers, and  
2 individuals interested in reducing the prevalence of waste  
3 and fraud under this Article.

4 (2) The information made so available shall be as  
5 current as deemed practical by the Director and shall be  
6 updated at least once per calendar quarter.

7 (3) The information made so available shall be  
8 aggregated to a level to ensure patient confidentiality,  
9 but shall, to the extent feasible, allow for posting of  
10 information by provider or vendor name and county, number  
11 of individuals served, total patient visits, payment for  
12 bills submitted, average cost for bills submitted,  
13 adjustments to payments, and total amounts paid.

14 (4) The Director periodically solicits comments from a  
15 sampling of individuals who access the information through  
16 the program on how to best improve the utility of the  
17 program.

18 (b) Use of contractor. For purposes of implementing the  
19 program under subsection (a) of this Section and ensuring the  
20 information made available through the program is periodically  
21 updated, the Director may select and enter into a contract with  
22 a public or private entity meeting the criteria and  
23 qualifications the Director determines appropriate.

24 (c) Annual Reports. Not later than 12 months after the  
25 effective date of this amendatory Act of the 96th General  
26 Assembly and annually thereafter, the Director shall submit to

1 the General Assembly a report on the status of the program  
2 authorized under subsection (a). The report shall include  
3 details including, but not limited to, the estimated or actual  
4 costs of developing and maintaining the reporting system, the  
5 actual or potential benefit or adverse consequences associated  
6 with the system, and, if applicable, the extent to which  
7 information made available through the program is accessed and  
8 the extent to which comments received under paragraph (4) of  
9 subsection (a) of this Section were used to improve the utility  
10 of the program.

11 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
12 becoming law.