

1 AN ACT concerning State government.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Illinois Act on the Aging is amended by
5 adding Section 4.02f as follows:

6 (20 ILCS 105/4.02f new)

7 Sec. 4.02f. Cross-agency prequalification and master
8 service agreements. As required in Section 1-37a of the
9 Department of Human Services Act, the Department shall have the
10 authority and is hereby directed to collaborate with the
11 Department of Human Services and other State human services
12 agencies in the adoption of joint rules to establish (i) a
13 cross-agency prequalification process for contracting with
14 human service providers; (ii) a cross-agency master service
15 agreement of standard terms and conditions for contracting with
16 human service providers; and (iii) a cross-agency common
17 service taxonomy for human service providers to streamline the
18 processes referenced in this Section and outlined in Section
19 1-37a of the Department of Human Services Act.

20 Section 10. The Children and Family Services Act is amended
21 by adding Section 37a as follows:

1 (20 ILCS 505/37a new)

2 Sec. 37a. Cross-agency prequalification and master service
3 agreements. As required in Section 1-37a of the Department of
4 Human Services Act, the Department shall have the authority and
5 is hereby directed to collaborate with the Department of Human
6 Services and other State human services agencies in the
7 adoption of joint rules to establish (i) a cross-agency
8 prequalification process for contracting with human service
9 providers; (ii) a cross-agency master service agreement of
10 standard terms and conditions for contracting with human
11 service providers; and (iii) a cross-agency common service
12 taxonomy for human service providers to streamline the
13 processes referenced in this Section and outlined in Section
14 1-37a of the Department of Human Services Act.

15 Section 15. The Department of Human Services Act is amended
16 by adding Section 1-37a as follows:

17 (20 ILCS 1305/1-37a new)

18 Sec. 1-37a. Cross-agency prequalification and master
19 service agreements.

20 (a) "State human services agency" means the Department on
21 Aging, the Department of Children and Family Services, the
22 Department of Human Services, the Department of Healthcare and
23 Family Services, and the Department of Public Health.

24 (b) Intent. Per the requirements of Public Act 96-1141, on

1 January 1, 2011 a report titled "Streamlined Auditing and
2 Monitoring for Community Based Services: First Steps Toward a
3 More Efficient System for Providers, State Government, and the
4 Community" was provided to members of the General Assembly. The
5 report, which was developed by a steering committee of
6 community providers, trade associations, and designated
7 representatives from the Departments of Children and Family
8 Services, Healthcare and Family Services, Human Services, and
9 Public Health, issued a series of recommendations, including
10 recommended changes to Administrative Rules and Illinois
11 statutes, on the categories of deemed status for accreditation,
12 fiscal audits, centralized repository of information,
13 Medicaid, technology, contracting, and streamlined monitoring
14 procedures. It is the intent of the 97th General Assembly to
15 pursue implementation of those recommendations that have been
16 determined to require Acts of the General Assembly.

17 (c) Cross-Agency Prequalification of Human Service
18 Providers. Each State human services agency shall have the
19 authority and is hereby directed to collaboratively adopt joint
20 rules to establish a cross-agency prequalification process for
21 contracting with human service providers. This process shall
22 include a mechanism for the State human services agencies to
23 collect information from human service providers including,
24 but not limited to, provider organizational experience,
25 capability to perform services, and organizational integrity
26 in order for the agencies to screen potential human service

1 providers as vendors to contract with the agencies.

2 (d) Master Service Agreements for human service providers.
3 Each State human services agency shall have the authority and
4 is hereby directed to collaboratively adopt joint rules to
5 establish a cross-agency master service agreement of standard
6 terms and conditions for contracting with human service
7 providers. The master service agreement shall be awarded to
8 prequalified providers as determined through the cross-agency
9 prequalification process outlined in subsection (c) of this
10 Act. The master service agreement shall not replace or serve as
11 the equivalent of a contract between an agency and a human
12 service provider, but only those human service providers that
13 are prequalified with a master service agreement may contract
14 with an agency to provide services.

15 (e) Common Service Taxonomy for human service providers.
16 Each State human services agency shall have the authority and
17 is hereby directed to collaboratively adopt joint rules to
18 establish a cross-agency common service taxonomy for human
19 service providers to streamline the processes outlined in
20 subsections (c) and (d) of this Act. The taxonomy shall
21 include, but not be limited to, a common list of terms to
22 define services, processes, and client populations.

23 (f) Notwithstanding any provision in this Section to the
24 contrary, the Department of Human Services shall serve as the
25 lead agency on all matters provided in subsections (c), (d),
26 and (e).

1 Section 20. The Department of Healthcare and Family
2 Services Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois is
3 amended by adding Section 2205-15a as follows:

4 (20 ILCS 2205/2205-15a new)

5 Sec. 2205-15a. Cross-agency prequalification and master
6 service agreements. As required in Section 1-37a of the
7 Department of Human Services Act, the Department shall have the
8 authority and is hereby directed to collaborate with the
9 Department of Human Services and other State human services
10 agencies in the adoption of joint rules to establish (i) a
11 cross-agency prequalification process for contracting with
12 human service providers; (ii) a cross-agency master service
13 agreement of standard terms and conditions for contracting with
14 human service providers; and (iii) a cross-agency common
15 service taxonomy for human service providers to streamline the
16 processes referenced in this Section and outlined in Section
17 1-37a of the Department of Human Services Act.

18 Section 25. The Department of Public Health Powers and
19 Duties Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois is
20 amended by adding Section 2310-12a as follows:

21 (20 ILCS 2310/2310-12a new)

22 Sec. 2310-12a. Cross-agency prequalification and master

1 service agreements. As required in Section 1-37a of the
2 Department of Human Services Act, the Department shall have the
3 authority and is hereby directed to collaborate with the
4 Department of Human Services and other State human services
5 agencies in the adoption of joint rules to establish (i) a
6 cross-agency prequalification process for contracting with
7 human service providers; (ii) a cross-agency master service
8 agreement of standard terms and conditions for contracting with
9 human service providers; and (iii) a cross-agency common
10 service taxonomy for human service providers to streamline the
11 processes referenced in this Section and outlined in Section
12 1-37a of the Department of Human Services Act.

13 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
14 becoming law.