



97TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2011 and 2012

HB1654

Introduced 2/15/2011, by Rep. Patricia R. Bellock

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

305 ILCS 5/5-20

Amends the Medical Assistance Article of the Illinois Public Aid Code. Provides that the permanent or semi-permanent member cards issued to individuals enrolled in the medical assistance program shall include safeguards to limit the unauthorized use of the medical card by an individual other than the member to whom the card has been issued; and that these safeguards shall include, but not be limited to, the member's photograph on the face of the card.

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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 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. The member cards shall include

1 safeguards to limit the unauthorized use of the medical card by
2 an individual other than the member to whom the card has been
3 issued. These safeguards shall include, but not be limited to,
4 the member's photograph on the face of the card. Furthermore,
5 the Department may employ any reasonable means by which
6 providers may verify an individual's eligibility for medical
7 assistance in place of MediPlan cards.

8 (Source: P.A. 96-940, eff. 1-1-11.)