



97TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2011 and 2012

HB5904

Introduced 2/16/2012, 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 use of a matrix barcode or related technology which allows a medical provider to access data, including identifying data and the medical history of the individual named on the card. Provides that the Department of Healthcare and Family Services shall be authorized to enter into contracts with other public and private sector entities to maximize the amount of information and data available to be accessed through the use of these cards. Effective immediately.

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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 use of a matrix barcode or related technology which allows
5 a medical provider to access data, including identifying data
6 and the medical history of the individual named on the card.
7 The Department shall be authorized to enter into contracts with
8 other public and private sector entities to maximize the amount
9 of information and data available to be accessed through the
10 use of these cards. Furthermore, the Department may employ any
11 reasonable means by which providers may verify an individual's
12 eligibility for medical assistance in place of MediPlan cards.
13 (Source: P.A. 96-940, eff. 1-1-11.)

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