



## 97TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### State of Illinois

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HB5908

Introduced 2/16/2012, by Rep. Patricia R. Bellock

#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

305 ILCS 5/5-2.01

Amends the Medical Assistance Article of the Illinois Public Aid Code. In regard to the internet-based Medicaid accountability program, provides that the Department of Healthcare and Family Services (rather than the Director of the Department of Healthcare and Family Services) shall implement (rather than shall be authorized to implement) the program. Substitutes all references to "Director" with "Department". 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 5-2.01 as follows:

6 (305 ILCS 5/5-2.01)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

26 (c) Annual Reports. Not later than 12 months after the

1 effective date of this amendatory Act of the 96th General  
2 Assembly and annually thereafter, the Department ~~Director~~  
3 shall submit to the General Assembly a report on the status of  
4 the program authorized under subsection (a). The report shall  
5 include details including, but not limited to, the estimated or  
6 actual costs of developing and maintaining the reporting  
7 system, the actual or potential benefit or adverse consequences  
8 associated with the system, and, if applicable, the extent to  
9 which information made available through the program is  
10 accessed and the extent to which comments received under  
11 paragraph (4) of subsection (a) of this Section were used to  
12 improve the utility of the program.

13 (Source: P.A. 96-941, eff. 6-25-10.)

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