



99TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2015 and 2016

HB2497

Introduced 2/18/2015, by Rep. La Shawn K. Ford

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

305 ILCS 5/12-4.49 new

Amends the Illinois Public Aid Code. Provides that the Department of Healthcare and Family Services, in cooperation with the Secretary of State and the Department of Human Services, shall undertake a study to determine the feasibility of permitting recipients of medical assistance provided under Article V of the Code to obtain authorized benefits by presenting a valid State identification card issued by the Secretary of State in place of a separate Medical Card. Provides that the study shall include an analysis of any costs or cost savings associated with: (i) discontinuing the distribution and use of a separate Medical Card for recipients of medical assistance; (ii) permitting recipients of medical assistance to qualify for a waiver of any fee prescribed under the Illinois Identification Card Act and collected by the Secretary of State for the issuance of a State identification card; and (iii) establishing a verification process that would enable healthcare providers participating in the medical assistance program to use a person's Social Security number as it appears on a valid State identification card issued by the Secretary of State to verify that person's eligibility for medical assistance benefits.

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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 adding Section 12-4.49 as follows:

6 (305 ILCS 5/12-4.49 new)

7 Sec. 12-4.49. Medical Card; State identification card. The
8 Department of Healthcare and Family Services, in cooperation
9 with the Secretary of State and the Department of Human
10 Services, shall undertake a study to determine the feasibility
11 of permitting recipients of medical assistance provided under
12 Article V of this Code to obtain authorized benefits by
13 presenting a valid State identification card issued by the
14 Secretary of State in place of a separate Medical Card. The
15 study shall include an analysis of any costs or cost savings
16 associated with:

17 (1) discontinuing the distribution and use of a
18 separate Medical Card for recipients of medical assistance
19 provided under Article V of this Code;

20 (2) permitting recipients of medical assistance
21 provided under Article V of this Code to qualify for a
22 waiver of any fee prescribed under the Illinois
23 Identification Card Act and collected by the Secretary of

1 State for the issuance of a State identification card; and
2 (3) establishing a verification process that would
3 enable healthcare providers participating in the medical
4 assistance program under Article V of this Code to use a
5 person's Social Security number as it appears on a valid
6 State identification card issued by the Secretary of State
7 to verify that person's eligibility for medical
8 assistance.

9 The Department of Healthcare and Family Services, in
10 cooperation with the Secretary of State and the Department of
11 Human Services, shall presents its findings to the General
12 Assembly within 6 months after the effective date of this
13 amendatory Act of the 99th General Assembly.