

99TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY State of Illinois 2015 and 2016 HB4408

by Rep. Greg Harris

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

305 ILCS 5/5-4.1

from Ch. 23, par. 5-4.1

Amends the Illinois Public Aid Code. Makes a technical change in a Section regarding Medicaid co-payments.

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1 AN ACT concerning public aid.

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

Section 5. The Illinois Public Aid Code is amended by changing Section 5-4.1 as follows:

6 (305 ILCS 5/5-4.1) (from Ch. 23, par. 5-4.1)

Sec. 5-4.1. Co-payments. The $\frac{1}{2}$ Department may by rule provide that recipients under any Article of this Code shall pay a fee as a co-payment for services. Co-payments shall be maximized to the extent permitted by federal law, except that the Department shall impose a co-pay of \$2 on generic drugs. Provided, however, that any such rule must provide that no co-payment requirement can exist for renal dialysis, radiation therapy, cancer chemotherapy, or insulin, and other products necessary on a recurring basis, the absence of which would be life threatening, or where co-payment expenditures required services and/or medications for chronic diseases that the Illinois Department shall by rule designate shall cause an extensive financial burden on the recipient, and provided no co-payment shall exist for emergency room encounters which are for medical emergencies. The Department shall seek approval of a State plan amendment that allows pharmacies to refuse to dispense drugs in circumstances where the recipient does not

- 1 pay the required co-payment. Co-payments may not exceed \$10 for
- 2 emergency room use for a non-emergency situation as defined by
- 3 the Department by rule and subject to federal approval.
- 4 (Source: P.A. 96-1501, eff. 1-25-11; 97-74, eff. 6-30-11;
- 5 97-689, eff. 6-14-12.)