

AN ACT concerning State government.

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

Section 1. Purpose. The purpose of this Act is to help homeless service providers receive federal resources during public health emergencies, including personal protective equipment for which the Federal Emergency Management Agency has final authority for reimbursement.

Section 5. The Department of Public Health Powers and Duties Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois is amended by adding Section 2310-434 as follows:

(20 ILCS 2310/2310-434 new)

Sec. 2310-434. Homeless service providers.

(a) In this Section, "homeless service provider" means a person or entity who provides services to homeless persons under any of the programs of or identified by the Department of Human Services.

(b) The Department shall consider all homeless service providers in the State to be essential critical infrastructure workers in accordance with the most recent guidance from the federal Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency. The Department shall ensure that homeless service providers

qualify for the same priority benefits afforded to frontline workers by the State, including, but not limited to:

(1) federal funding for relief relating to public health emergencies;

(2) personal protective equipment; and

(3) vaccinations.

(c) In accordance with this Section, during a federally-designated public health emergency or a public health disaster declared by a proclamation issued by the Governor under Section 7 of the Illinois Emergency Management Agency Act, the Department and the Illinois Emergency Management Agency shall offer recommendations to their local counterparts, including local public health departments and local emergency management assistance agencies, encouraging them to consider homeless service providers when making determinations about providing assistance.

(d) The Department may adopt rules for the implementation and administration of this Section and to ensure that homeless service providers are considered essential critical infrastructure workers in the event of a pandemic.

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