

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 adding Section 11-4.1 as follows:

(305 ILCS 5/11-4.1 new)

Sec. 11-4.1. Medical providers assisting with applications for medical assistance. A provider enrolled to provide medical assistance services may, upon the request of an individual, accompany, represent, and assist the individual in applying for medical assistance under Article V of this Code. If an individual is unable to request such assistance due to incapacity or mental incompetence and has no other representative willing or able to assist in the application process, a facility licensed under the Nursing Home Care Act or the MR/DD Community Care Act or certified under this Code is authorized to assist the individual in applying for long-term care services. Subject to the provisions of the Free Healthcare Benefits Application Assistance Act, nothing in this Section shall be construed as prohibiting any individual or entity from assisting another individual in applying for medical assistance under Article V of this Code.

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