



94TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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SB0142

Introduced 2/1/2005, by Sen. Carol Ronen

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

New Act
30 ILCS 105/5.640 new

Creates the DHS Child Care Provider Health Benefits Act and amends the State Finance Act. Establishes a health benefits program for providers of child care subsidized by the Department of Human Services under the Illinois Public Aid Code and those providers' employees. In the case of a provider providing subsidized child care for 3 or more children, provides for a \$10 monthly fee and copayments for office visits and prescriptions. In the case of a provider providing such services to fewer than 3 children, provides for a fee for participation in the program at the market rate (as determined by the Department of Human Services) or a specified fraction of the market rate. Creates the DHS Child Care Provider Health Benefits Fund, consisting of payments by providers, appropriations to the Department of Human Services, and federal grant moneys or other donations, to be used by the Department for administering the program. Effective immediately.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT
MAY APPLY

A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning employment.

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

4 Section 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the DHS
5 Child Care Provider Health Benefits Act.

6 Section 5. Definitions. In this Act:

7 "Child care provider" means a day care center, day care
8 home, or group day care home. The term also means an individual
9 who operates a day care home or group day care home.

10 "Day care center", "day care home", and "group day care
11 home" are defined as in the Child Care Act of 1969. The terms
12 include both facilities licensed under that Act and facilities
13 exempt from licensure under that Act.

14 "Department" means the Department of Human Services.

15 "Program" means the program of health benefits for child
16 care providers and employees established under this Act.

17 "Subsidized full-day child care services" means child care
18 services that are provided to a child for 5 or more hours per
19 day and are subsidized by the Department of Human Services
20 under Section 9A-11 of the Illinois Public Aid Code.

21 Section 10. Health benefits program.

22 (a) A program of health benefits for child care providers
23 and their employees is established. A child care provider, and
24 any employee of such a child care provider who provides child
25 care services for 30 or more hours per week, is eligible to
26 participate in the program as provided in this Section if the
27 provider or employee meets the following requirements:

28 (1) The provider provides subsidized full-day child
29 care services to 3 or more children. For every 3 children
30 to whom a provider provides subsidized full-day child care
31 services, one employee of that provider is eligible to

1 participate in the program.

2 (2) The provider or employee has provided those
3 services for at least 3 consecutive months immediately
4 preceding participation in the program.

5 A child care provider that is a day care center that
6 participates in the program must provide coverage under the
7 program for each employee who provides child care services for
8 30 or more hours per week. A child care provider other than a
9 day care center may enroll in the program without providing
10 coverage for any employees, but if such a provider elects to
11 provide coverage for any employees, the provider must provide
12 coverage for each employee who provides child care services for
13 30 or more hours per week.

14 (b) The program shall provide coverage of medical services
15 to the same extent as provided under the program of medical
16 assistance under Article V of the Illinois Public Aid Code.

17 (c) A child care provider or employee eligible under this
18 Section and participating in the program shall pay a fee of \$10
19 for each month during which the provider or employee
20 participates in the program. In addition, the provider or
21 employee shall pay the following fees as co-payments:

22 (1) \$10 for each visit to a provider of physician
23 services, dental services, optical services and supplies,
24 chiropractic services, podiatry services, or encounter
25 rate clinic services.

26 (2) \$10 for each prescription filled by a provider of
27 pharmacy services.

28 Section 15. Subsidized child care for fewer than 3
29 children.

30 (a) A child care provider that provides subsidized full-day
31 child care services to fewer than 3 children, and any employee
32 of such a child care provider, is eligible to participate in
33 the program as provided in this Section.

34 (b) The Department shall determine the market rate for
35 health benefits provided under the program, based on actuarial

1 estimates. The Department shall revise the market rate
2 annually.

3 (c) A child care provider who does not provide subsidized
4 full-day child care services to any children, or an employee of
5 such a child care provider, is eligible to participate in the
6 program upon the payment of a fee equal to the market rate
7 determined by the Department under this Section.

8 (d) A child care provider who provides subsidized full-day
9 child care services to one child, or an employee of such a
10 child care provider, is eligible to participate in the program
11 upon the payment of a fee equal to two-thirds of the market
12 rate determined by the Department under this Section.

13 (e) A child care provider who provides subsidized full-day
14 child care services to 2 children, or an employee of such a
15 child care provider, is eligible to participate in the program
16 upon the payment of a fee equal to one-third of the market rate
17 determined by the Department under this Section.

18 Section 20. DHS Child Care Provider Health Benefits Fund.

19 (a) The DHS Child Care Provider Health Benefits Fund is
20 created as a special fund in the State treasury. The fund shall
21 consist of the following:

22 (1) Moneys paid to the Department by child care
23 providers under Section 15.

24 (2) Moneys appropriated to the Department for the
25 purpose of administering the program.

26 (3) Federal grant moneys, or moneys from any other
27 public or private source, allocated to the Department for
28 the purpose of administering the program.

29 All moneys described in items (1), (2), and (3) of this
30 subsection shall be deposited into the fund.

31 (b) The Department shall use the moneys in the fund for the
32 purpose of administering the program, including the payment of
33 moneys to another entity pursuant to a contract entered into
34 between the Department and the entity under Section 25.

1 Section 25. Program administration. The Department may
2 administer the program or may contract with another entity for
3 the administration of the program.

4 Section 90. The State Finance Act is amended by adding
5 Section 5.640 as follows:

6 (30 ILCS 105/5.640 new)

7 Sec. 5.640. The DHS Child Care Provider Health Benefits
8 Fund.

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