

AN ACT in relation to 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 9A-9.5 as follows:

(305 ILCS 5/9A-9.5 new)

Sec. 9A-9.5. Health care advocates; committee. The  
Department of Human Services and the Department of Public Aid  
shall jointly establish an interagency committee to do the  
following:

(1) Assist the departments in making  
recommendations on incorporating health care advocates  
into education, training, and placement programs under  
this Article. The advocates should be individuals who are  
knowledgeable about various types of health insurance  
programs.

(2) Develop more outreach and educational materials  
to help TANF families make informed choices concerning  
health insurance and health care. The materials should  
target families that are transitioning from receipt of  
public aid to employment.

(3) Develop methods to simplify the process of  
applying for medical assistance under Article V.

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