



104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2025 and 2026

HB2944

Introduced 2/6/2025, by Rep. Ryan Spain

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

305 ILCS 5/5-65 new

Amends the Medical Assistance Article of the Illinois Public Aid Code. Provides that for an extended hospital stay beyond medical necessity due to multiple failed attempts to place an emergency room patient who presented for dementia or other long-term care needs into a nursing or other long-term care facility, the Department of Healthcare and Family Services shall reimburse the hospital at a rate calculated to cover the entire hospital stay if (i) the hospital presents documentation, as prescribed by the Department, of multiple unsuccessful attempts to place the patient in a nursing or other long-term care facility and (ii) if each nursing or long-term care facility the hospital solicited for placement gave a substantially similar reason for denying the patient admission.

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1 AN ACT concerning public aid.

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

4 Section 5. The Illinois Public Aid Code is amended by
5 adding Section 5-65 as follows:

6 (305 ILCS 5/5-65 new)

7 Sec. 5-65. Reimbursement for extended hospital stays for
8 dementia patient. For an extended hospital stay beyond medical
9 necessity due to multiple failed attempts to place an
10 emergency room patient who presented for dementia or other
11 long-term care needs into a nursing or other long-term care
12 facility, the Department of Healthcare and Family Services
13 shall reimburse the hospital at a rate calculated to cover the
14 entire hospital stay if (i) the hospital presents
15 documentation, as prescribed by the Department, of multiple
16 unsuccessful attempts to place the patient in a nursing or
17 other long-term care facility and (ii) if each nursing or
18 long-term care facility the hospital solicited for placement
19 gave a substantially similar reason for denying the patient
20 admission.