



104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2025 and 2026

HB5324

Introduced 2/10/2026, by Rep. Tracy Katz Muhl

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

210 ILCS 45/2-201.8 new
210 ILCS 49/3-202 new

Amends the Nursing Home Care Act and the Specialized Mental Health Rehabilitation Act of 2013. Provides that, to facilitate timely applications for Supplemental Security Income or Social Security Disability Insurance, facilities shall assess residents using the Social Security Administration screener to check eligibility for Social Security benefits within 30 days after admission to a facility. If the resident is likely eligible, requires the facility to assist the resident with completing an application within 60 days after admission to a facility. Provides that, within 6 months after the effective date of the amendatory Act, facilities shall conduct a one-time assessment of all current residents and complete a Social Security Administration screener for all residents without income and without a pending Supplemental Security Income or Social Security Disability Insurance application. Twice per year, requires each facility to publicly post on the facility's website the number of residents screened and the number of applications initiated. Effective immediately.

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1 AN ACT concerning regulation.

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

4 Section 5. The Nursing Home Care Act is amended by adding
5 Section 2-201.8 as follows:

6 (210 ILCS 45/2-201.8 new)

7 Sec. 2-201.8. Resident income applications.

8 (a) In this Section:

9 "Admission" means the first day in which a resident
10 resides at a facility.

11 "Screener" means a tool administered by the Social
12 Security Administration that allows members of the public to
13 check eligibility for Social Security benefits.

14 (b) The purpose of this Section is to reduce delays in
15 submitting applications for Supplemental Security Income and
16 Social Security Disability Insurance for residents who may be
17 eligible, as securing income is necessary for individuals
18 transitioning from institutions to the community.

19 (c) To facilitate timely applications for Supplemental
20 Security Income or Social Security Disability Insurance,
21 facilities shall assess residents using the Social Security
22 Administration screener to check eligibility for Social
23 Security benefits within 30 days after admission to a

1 facility.

2 (d) If the resident is likely eligible, the facility shall
3 assist the resident with completing an application within 60
4 days after admission to a facility. Facilities must make staff
5 available that are trained to gather complete, targeted, and
6 relevant information resulting in high-quality Supplemental
7 Security Income and Social Security Disability Insurance
8 applications. Facilities may collaborate with third-party
9 experts to meet this requirement as needed.

10 (e) Within 6 months after the effective date of this
11 amendatory Act of the 104th General Assembly, facilities shall
12 conduct a one-time assessment of all current residents and
13 complete a Social Security Administration screener for all
14 residents without income and without a pending Supplemental
15 Security Income or Social Security Disability Insurance
16 application. If the resident is likely eligible, the facility
17 shall initiate an application within 60 days after conducting
18 the screener.

19 (f) Twice per year, each facility shall publicly post on
20 the facility's website the number of residents screened and
21 the number of applications initiated.

22 Section 10. The Specialized Mental Health Rehabilitation
23 Act of 2013 is amended by adding Section 3-202 as follows:

24 (210 ILCS 49/3-202 new)

1 Sec. 3-202. Resident income applications.

2 (a) In this Section:

3 "Admission" means the first day in which a resident
4 resides at a facility facility.

5 "Screener" means a tool administered by the Social
6 Security Administration that allows members of the public to
7 check eligibility for Social Security benefits.

8 (b) The purpose of this Section is to reduce delays in
9 submitting applications for Supplemental Security Income and
10 Social Security Disability Insurance for residents who may be
11 eligible, as securing income is necessary for individuals
12 transitioning from institutions to the community.

13 (c) To facilitate timely applications for Supplemental
14 Security Income or Social Security Disability Insurance,
15 facilities shall assess residents using the Social Security
16 Administration screener to check eligibility for Social
17 Security benefits within 30 days after admission to a
18 facility.

19 (d) If the resident is likely eligible, the facility shall
20 assist the resident with completing an application within 60
21 days after admission to a facility. Facilities must make staff
22 available that are trained to gather complete, targeted, and
23 relevant information resulting in high-quality Supplemental
24 Security Income and Social Security Disability Insurance
25 applications. Facilities may collaborate with third-party
26 experts to meet this requirement as needed.

1 (e) Within 6 months after the effective date of this
2 amendatory Act of the 104th General Assembly, facilities shall
3 conduct a one-time assessment of all current residents and
4 complete a Social Security Administration screener for all
5 residents without income and without a pending Supplemental
6 Security Income or Social Security Disability Insurance
7 application. If the resident is likely eligible, the facility
8 shall initiate an application within 60 days after conducting
9 the screener.

10 (f) Twice per year, each facility shall publicly post on
11 the facility's website the number of residents screened and
12 the number of applications initiated.

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