

**SB1678**



**104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**State of Illinois**

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Introduced 2/5/2025, by Sen. Paul Faraci

**SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:**

305 ILCS 5/5-5.01a

Amends the Medical Assistance Article of the Illinois Public Aid Code. Provides that upon application to the Department of Healthcare and Family Services, supportive living program settings may convert non-dementia care setting units to dementia care setting units. Provides that all conversions must be operational within one year of approval and meet criteria specific to certification for dementia care setting units outlined in the Illinois Administrative Code.

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**A BILL FOR**

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           changing Section 5-5.01a as follows:

6           (305 ILCS 5/5-5.01a)

7           Sec. 5-5.01a. Supportive living facilities program.

8           (a) The Department shall establish and provide oversight  
9           for a program of supportive living facilities that seek to  
10          promote resident independence, dignity, respect, and  
11          well-being in the most cost-effective manner.

12          A supportive living facility is (i) a free-standing  
13          facility or (ii) a distinct physical and operational entity  
14          within a mixed-use building that meets the criteria  
15          established in subsection (d). A supportive living facility  
16          integrates housing with health, personal care, and supportive  
17          services and is a designated setting that offers residents  
18          their own separate, private, and distinct living units.

19          Sites for the operation of the program shall be selected  
20          by the Department based upon criteria that may include the  
21          need for services in a geographic area, the availability of  
22          funding, and the site's ability to meet the standards.

23           (b) Beginning July 1, 2014, subject to federal approval,

1 the Medicaid rates for supportive living facilities shall be  
2 equal to the supportive living facility Medicaid rate  
3 effective on June 30, 2014 increased by 8.85%. Once the  
4 assessment imposed at Article V-G of this Code is determined  
5 to be a permissible tax under Title XIX of the Social Security  
6 Act, the Department shall increase the Medicaid rates for  
7 supportive living facilities effective on July 1, 2014 by  
8 9.09%. The Department shall apply this increase retroactively  
9 to coincide with the imposition of the assessment in Article  
10 V-G of this Code in accordance with the approval for federal  
11 financial participation by the Centers for Medicare and  
12 Medicaid Services.

13 The Medicaid rates for supportive living facilities  
14 effective on July 1, 2017 must be equal to the rates in effect  
15 for supportive living facilities on June 30, 2017 increased by  
16 2.8%.

17 The Medicaid rates for supportive living facilities  
18 effective on July 1, 2018 must be equal to the rates in effect  
19 for supportive living facilities on June 30, 2018.

20 Subject to federal approval, the Medicaid rates for  
21 supportive living services on and after July 1, 2019 must be at  
22 least 54.3% of the average total nursing facility services per  
23 diem for the geographic areas defined by the Department while  
24 maintaining the rate differential for dementia care and must  
25 be updated whenever the total nursing facility service per  
26 diems are updated. Beginning July 1, 2022, upon the

1 implementation of the Patient Driven Payment Model, Medicaid  
2 rates for supportive living services must be at least 54.3% of  
3 the average total nursing services per diem rate for the  
4 geographic areas. For purposes of this provision, the average  
5 total nursing services per diem rate shall include all add-ons  
6 for nursing facilities for the geographic area provided for in  
7 Section 5-5.2. The rate differential for dementia care must be  
8 maintained in these rates and the rates shall be updated  
9 whenever nursing facility per diem rates are updated.

10 Subject to federal approval, beginning January 1, 2024,  
11 the dementia care rate for supportive living services must be  
12 no less than the non-dementia care supportive living services  
13 rate multiplied by 1.5.

14 (b-5) Subject to federal approval, beginning January 1,  
15 2025, Medicaid rates for supportive living services must be at  
16 least 54.75% of the average total nursing services per diem  
17 rate for the geographic areas defined by the Department and  
18 shall include all add-ons for nursing facilities for the  
19 geographic area provided for in Section 5-5.2.

20 (c) The Department may adopt rules to implement this  
21 Section. Rules that establish or modify the services,  
22 standards, and conditions for participation in the program  
23 shall be adopted by the Department in consultation with the  
24 Department on Aging, the Department of Rehabilitation  
25 Services, and the Department of Mental Health and  
26 Developmental Disabilities (or their successor agencies).

(d) Subject to federal approval by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, the Department shall accept for consideration of certification under the program any application for a site or building where distinct parts of the site or building are designated for purposes other than the provision of supportive living services, but only if:

(1) those distinct parts of the site or building are not designated for the purpose of providing assisted living services as required under the Assisted Living and Shared Housing Act;

(2) those distinct parts of the site or building are completely separate from the part of the building used for the provision of supportive living program services, including separate entrances;

(3) those distinct parts of the site or building do not share any common spaces with the part of the building used for the provision of supportive living program services; and

(4) those distinct parts of the site or building do not share staffing with the part of the building used for the provision of supportive living program services.

(e) Facilities or distinct parts of facilities which are selected as supportive living facilities and are in good standing with the Department's rules are exempt from the provisions of the Nursing Home Care Act and the Illinois Health Facilities Planning Act.

(f) Section 9817 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (Public Law 117-2) authorizes a 10% enhanced federal medical assistance percentage for supportive living services for a 12-month period from April 1, 2021 through March 31, 2022. Subject to federal approval, including the approval of any necessary waiver amendments or other federally required documents or assurances, for a 12-month period the Department must pay a supplemental \$26 per diem rate to all supportive living facilities with the additional federal financial participation funds that result from the enhanced federal medical assistance percentage from April 1, 2021 through March 31, 2022. The Department may issue parameters around how the supplemental payment should be spent, including quality improvement activities. The Department may alter the form, methods, or timeframes concerning the supplemental per diem rate to comply with any subsequent changes to federal law, changes made by guidance issued by the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, or other changes necessary to receive the enhanced federal medical assistance percentage.

(g) All applications for the expansion of supportive living dementia care settings involving sites not approved by the Department by January 1, 2024 ~~(Public Act 103-102)~~ may allow new elderly non-dementia units in addition to new dementia care units. The Department may approve such applications only if the application has: (1) no more than one non-dementia care unit for each dementia care unit and (2) the

1 site is not located within 4 miles of an existing supportive  
2 living program site in Cook County (including the City of  
3 Chicago), not located within 12 miles of an existing  
4 supportive living program site in Alexander, Bond, Boone,  
5 Calhoun, Champaign, Clinton, DeKalb, DuPage, Fulton, Grundy,  
6 Henry, Jackson, Jersey, Johnson, Kane, Kankakee, Kendall,  
7 Lake, Macon, Macoupin, Madison, Marshall, McHenry, McLean,  
8 Menard, Mercer, Monroe, Peoria, Piatt, Rock Island, Sangamon,  
9 Stark, St. Clair, Tazewell, Vermilion, Will, Williamson,  
10 Winnebago, or Woodford counties, or not located within 25  
11 miles of an existing supportive living program site in any  
12 other county.

13 (h) Beginning January 1, 2025, subject to federal  
14 approval, for a person who is a resident of a supportive living  
15 facility under this Section, the monthly personal needs  
16 allowance shall be \$120 per month.

17 (i) (h) As stated in the supportive living program home  
18 and community-based service waiver approved by the federal  
19 Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, and beginning July  
20 1, 2025, the Department must maintain the rate add-on  
21 implemented on January 1, 2023 for the provision of 2 meals per  
22 day at no less than \$6.15 per day.

23 (j) (f) Subject to federal approval, the Department shall  
24 allow a certified medication aide to administer medication in  
25 a supportive living facility. For purposes of this subsection,  
26 "certified medication aide" means a person who has met the

1       qualifications for certification under Section 79 of the  
2       Assisted Living and Shared Housing Act and assists with  
3       medication administration while under the supervision of a  
4       registered professional nurse as authorized by Section 50-75  
5       of the Nurse Practice Act. The Department may adopt rules to  
6       implement this subsection.

7       (k) Upon application to the Department, supportive living  
8       program settings may convert non-dementia care setting units  
9       to dementia care setting units. All conversions must be  
10       operational within one year of approval and meet criteria  
11       specific to certification for dementia care setting units  
12       outlined in 89 Ill. Adm. Code 146 Subpart B and E.

13       (Source: P.A. 102-43, eff. 7-6-21; 102-699, eff. 4-19-22;  
14       103-102, Article 20, Section 20-5, eff. 1-1-24; 103-102,  
15       Article 100, Section 100-5, eff. 1-1-24; 103-593, Article 15,  
16       Section 15-5, eff. 6-7-24; 103-593, Article 100, Section  
17       100-5, eff. 6-7-24; 103-593, Article 165, Section 165-5, eff.  
18       6-7-24; 103-605, eff. 7-1-24; 103-886, eff. 8-9-24; revised  
19       10-8-24.)