



104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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SB3294

Introduced 2/3/2026, by Sen. Julie A. Morrison

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

305 ILCS 5/5-2.03
305 ILCS 5/5-2.03a new

Amends the Medical Assistance Article of the Illinois Public Aid Code. Provides that any person who was initially determined to be eligible for medical assistance and is receiving institutional services or home and community-based services as authorized under the Article shall be presumed eligible for a continuation of coverage for such services during any redetermination process. Requires the Department of Healthcare and Family Services to continue to make payments for such services unless the person experiences a material change in financial circumstances that results in the loss of eligibility. Provides that if the person experiences a material change in financial circumstances that results in the loss of eligibility, the person, or the person's designated caregiver or responsible party, shall notify the Department. Provides that if the Department subsequently conducts a redetermination of eligibility, the Department must provide written notice to the person (i) before the commencement of the redetermination; and (ii) upon conclusion of the redetermination. Requires the Department to develop a process to facilitate the written notifications. Provides that no later than October 1, 2026, the Department shall seek federal authorization to exempt persons with disabilities who are eligible for medical assistance from annual redeterminations of eligibility, except that a full redetermination shall be conducted at least once every 5 years, regardless of whether a material change in financial circumstances has occurred. Effective immediately.

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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 changing Section 5-2.03 and by adding Section 5-2.03a as
6 follows:

7 (305 ILCS 5/5-2.03)

8 Sec. 5-2.03. Presumptive eligibility. Except as provided
9 in Section 5-2.03a ~~Beginning on the effective date of this~~
10 ~~amendatory Act of the 96th General Assembly~~ and except where
11 federal law requires presumptive eligibility, no adult may be
12 presumed eligible for medical assistance under this Code and
13 the Department may not cover any service rendered to an adult
14 unless the adult has completed an application for benefits,
15 all required verifications have been received, and the
16 Department or its designee has found the adult eligible for
17 the date on which that service was provided. Nothing in this
18 Section shall apply to pregnant women or to persons enrolled
19 under the medical assistance program due to expansions
20 approved by the federal government that are financed entirely
21 by units of local government and federal matching funds.

22 (Source: P.A. 96-1501, eff. 1-25-11; 97-687, eff. 6-14-12.)

1 (305 ILCS 5/5-2.03a new)

2 Sec. 5-2.03a. Redeterminations of eligibility for certain
3 persons.

4 (a) Any person who was initially determined to be eligible
5 for medical assistance and is receiving institutional services
6 or home and community-based services as authorized under this
7 Article shall be presumed eligible for a continuation of
8 coverage for such services during any redetermination process.
9 The Department shall continue to make payments for such
10 services unless the person experiences a material change in
11 financial circumstances that results in the loss of
12 eligibility.

13 (b) If the person experiences a material change in
14 financial circumstances that results in the loss of
15 eligibility, the person, or the person's designated caregiver
16 or responsible party, shall notify the Department. The
17 Department may conduct a redetermination of eligibility. If a
18 redetermination is conducted, the Department must provide
19 written notice to the person or to the person's designated
20 caregiver or responsible party:

21 (1) before the commencement of the redetermination;

22 and

23 (2) upon conclusion of the redetermination, including
24 the results and the effective date of any eligibility
25 change.

26 (c) No later than October 1, 2026, the Department shall

1 seek federal authorization to exempt persons with disabilities
2 who are eligible for medical assistance from annual
3 redeterminations of eligibility, except that a full
4 redetermination shall be conducted at least once every 5
5 years, regardless of whether a material change in financial
6 circumstances has occurred.

7 (d) The Department shall develop a process to facilitate
8 the notifications required under subsection (b).

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