



102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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HB2641

Introduced 2/19/2021, by Rep. William Davis

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

305 ILCS 5/5-30

Amends the Illinois Public Aid Code. Requires managed care organizations (MCOs) to participate in the Non-Emergency Transportation Services Prior Approval Program (NETSPAP) established under the Code beginning 90 days after the effective date of the amendatory Act. Requires each MCO to submit through NETSPAP for adjudication every unpaid non-emergency transportation claim incurred since January 1, 2012; and requires a NETSPAP contractor to adjudicate such claims without regard to any deadlines for submission or processing that are otherwise applicable. Provides that all non-emergency ambulance service providers seeking reimbursement for prior claims must submit documentation of the transport no later than 150 days after the effective date of the amendatory Act. Provides that upon receipt of approval from the NETSPAP contractor, each MCO shall process and pay all approved claims within 30 days, without requiring any further action by the non-emergency transportation services provider; and that any denial of reimbursement by the NETSPAP contractor may be appealed. Provides that any costs incurred in connection with the review of claims by the NETSPAP contractor are the sole responsibility of the MCO. Provides that MCOs shall not unreasonably refuse to contract with ground ambulance services providers and medi-car services providers, shall not unreasonably restrict access to and the availability of ground ambulance services and medi-car services, and shall ensure that recipients of benefits provided under the Department of Healthcare and Family Services' programs are not liable for ground ambulance services and medi-car services expenses consistent with federal law and specified provisions of the Illinois Insurance Code and the Illinois Administrative Code. Effective immediately.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT
MAY APPLY

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 5-30 as follows:

6 (305 ILCS 5/5-30)

7 Sec. 5-30. Care coordination.

8 (a) At least 50% of recipients eligible for comprehensive
9 medical benefits in all medical assistance programs or other
10 health benefit programs administered by the Department,
11 including the Children's Health Insurance Program Act and the
12 Covering ALL KIDS Health Insurance Act, shall be enrolled in a
13 care coordination program by no later than January 1, 2015.
14 For purposes of this Section, "coordinated care" or "care
15 coordination" means delivery systems where recipients will
16 receive their care from providers who participate under
17 contract in integrated delivery systems that are responsible
18 for providing or arranging the majority of care, including
19 primary care physician services, referrals from primary care
20 physicians, diagnostic and treatment services, behavioral
21 health services, in-patient and outpatient hospital services,
22 dental services, and rehabilitation and long-term care
23 services. The Department shall designate or contract for such

1 integrated delivery systems (i) to ensure enrollees have a
2 choice of systems and of primary care providers within such
3 systems; (ii) to ensure that enrollees receive quality care in
4 a culturally and linguistically appropriate manner; and (iii)
5 to ensure that coordinated care programs meet the diverse
6 needs of enrollees with developmental, mental health,
7 physical, and age-related disabilities.

8 (b) Payment for such coordinated care shall be based on
9 arrangements where the State pays for performance related to
10 health care outcomes, the use of evidence-based practices, the
11 use of primary care delivered through comprehensive medical
12 homes, the use of electronic medical records, and the
13 appropriate exchange of health information electronically made
14 either on a capitated basis in which a fixed monthly premium
15 per recipient is paid and full financial risk is assumed for
16 the delivery of services, or through other risk-based payment
17 arrangements.

18 (c) To qualify for compliance with this Section, the 50%
19 goal shall be achieved by enrolling medical assistance
20 enrollees from each medical assistance enrollment category,
21 including parents, children, seniors, and people with
22 disabilities to the extent that current State Medicaid payment
23 laws would not limit federal matching funds for recipients in
24 care coordination programs. In addition, services must be more
25 comprehensively defined and more risk shall be assumed than in
26 the Department's primary care case management program as of

1 January 25, 2011 (the effective date of Public Act 96-1501).

2 (d) The Department shall report to the General Assembly in
3 a separate part of its annual medical assistance program
4 report, beginning April, 2012 until April, 2016, on the
5 progress and implementation of the care coordination program
6 initiatives established by the provisions of Public Act
7 96-1501. The Department shall include in its April 2011 report
8 a full analysis of federal laws or regulations regarding upper
9 payment limitations to providers and the necessary revisions
10 or adjustments in rate methodologies and payments to providers
11 under this Code that would be necessary to implement
12 coordinated care with full financial risk by a party other
13 than the Department.

14 (e) Integrated Care Program for individuals with chronic
15 mental health conditions.

16 (1) The Integrated Care Program shall encompass
17 services administered to recipients of medical assistance
18 under this Article to prevent exacerbations and
19 complications using cost-effective, evidence-based
20 practice guidelines and mental health management
21 strategies.

22 (2) The Department may utilize and expand upon
23 existing contractual arrangements with integrated care
24 plans under the Integrated Care Program for providing the
25 coordinated care provisions of this Section.

26 (3) Payment for such coordinated care shall be based

1 on arrangements where the State pays for performance
2 related to mental health outcomes on a capitated basis in
3 which a fixed monthly premium per recipient is paid and
4 full financial risk is assumed for the delivery of
5 services, or through other risk-based payment arrangements
6 such as provider-based care coordination.

7 (4) The Department shall examine whether chronic
8 mental health management programs and services for
9 recipients with specific chronic mental health conditions
10 do any or all of the following:

11 (A) Improve the patient's overall mental health in
12 a more expeditious and cost-effective manner.

13 (B) Lower costs in other aspects of the medical
14 assistance program, such as hospital admissions,
15 emergency room visits, or more frequent and
16 inappropriate psychotropic drug use.

17 (5) The Department shall work with the facilities and
18 any integrated care plan participating in the program to
19 identify and correct barriers to the successful
20 implementation of this subsection (e) prior to and during
21 the implementation to best facilitate the goals and
22 objectives of this subsection (e).

23 (f) A hospital that is located in a county of the State in
24 which the Department mandates some or all of the beneficiaries
25 of the Medical Assistance Program residing in the county to
26 enroll in a Care Coordination Program, as set forth in Section

1 5-30 of this Code, shall not be eligible for any non-claims
2 based payments not mandated by Article V-A of this Code for
3 which it would otherwise be qualified to receive, unless the
4 hospital is a Coordinated Care Participating Hospital no later
5 than 60 days after June 14, 2012 (the effective date of Public
6 Act 97-689) or 60 days after the first mandatory enrollment of
7 a beneficiary in a Coordinated Care program. For purposes of
8 this subsection, "Coordinated Care Participating Hospital"
9 means a hospital that meets one of the following criteria:

10 (1) The hospital has entered into a contract to
11 provide hospital services with one or more MCOs to
12 enrollees of the care coordination program.

13 (2) The hospital has not been offered a contract by a
14 care coordination plan that the Department has determined
15 to be a good faith offer and that pays at least as much as
16 the Department would pay, on a fee-for-service basis, not
17 including disproportionate share hospital adjustment
18 payments or any other supplemental adjustment or add-on
19 payment to the base fee-for-service rate, except to the
20 extent such adjustments or add-on payments are
21 incorporated into the development of the applicable MCO
22 capitated rates.

23 As used in this subsection (f), "MCO" means any entity
24 which contracts with the Department to provide services where
25 payment for medical services is made on a capitated basis.

26 (g) No later than August 1, 2013, the Department shall

1 issue a purchase of care solicitation for Accountable Care
2 Entities (ACE) to serve any children and parents or caretaker
3 relatives of children eligible for medical assistance under
4 this Article. An ACE may be a single corporate structure or a
5 network of providers organized through contractual
6 relationships with a single corporate entity. The solicitation
7 shall require that:

8 (1) An ACE operating in Cook County be capable of
9 serving at least 40,000 eligible individuals in that
10 county; an ACE operating in Lake, Kane, DuPage, or Will
11 Counties be capable of serving at least 20,000 eligible
12 individuals in those counties and an ACE operating in
13 other regions of the State be capable of serving at least
14 10,000 eligible individuals in the region in which it
15 operates. During initial periods of mandatory enrollment,
16 the Department shall require its enrollment services
17 contractor to use a default assignment algorithm that
18 ensures if possible an ACE reaches the minimum enrollment
19 levels set forth in this paragraph.

20 (2) An ACE must include at a minimum the following
21 types of providers: primary care, specialty care,
22 hospitals, and behavioral healthcare.

23 (3) An ACE shall have a governance structure that
24 includes the major components of the health care delivery
25 system, including one representative from each of the
26 groups listed in paragraph (2).

1 (4) An ACE must be an integrated delivery system,
2 including a network able to provide the full range of
3 services needed by Medicaid beneficiaries and system
4 capacity to securely pass clinical information across
5 participating entities and to aggregate and analyze that
6 data in order to coordinate care.

7 (5) An ACE must be capable of providing both care
8 coordination and complex case management, as necessary, to
9 beneficiaries. To be responsive to the solicitation, a
10 potential ACE must outline its care coordination and
11 complex case management model and plan to reduce the cost
12 of care.

13 (6) In the first 18 months of operation, unless the
14 ACE selects a shorter period, an ACE shall be paid care
15 coordination fees on a per member per month basis that are
16 projected to be cost neutral to the State during the term
17 of their payment and, subject to federal approval, be
18 eligible to share in additional savings generated by their
19 care coordination.

20 (7) In months 19 through 36 of operation, unless the
21 ACE selects a shorter period, an ACE shall be paid on a
22 pre-paid capitation basis for all medical assistance
23 covered services, under contract terms similar to Managed
24 Care Organizations (MCO), with the Department sharing the
25 risk through either stop-loss insurance for extremely high
26 cost individuals or corridors of shared risk based on the

1 overall cost of the total enrollment in the ACE. The ACE
2 shall be responsible for claims processing, encounter data
3 submission, utilization control, and quality assurance.

4 (8) In the fourth and subsequent years of operation,
5 an ACE shall convert to a Managed Care Community Network
6 (MCCN), as defined in this Article, or Health Maintenance
7 Organization pursuant to the Illinois Insurance Code,
8 accepting full-risk capitation payments.

9 The Department shall allow potential ACE entities 5 months
10 from the date of the posting of the solicitation to submit
11 proposals. After the solicitation is released, in addition to
12 the MCO rate development data available on the Department's
13 website, subject to federal and State confidentiality and
14 privacy laws and regulations, the Department shall provide 2
15 years of de-identified summary service data on the targeted
16 population, split between children and adults, showing the
17 historical type and volume of services received and the cost
18 of those services to those potential bidders that sign a data
19 use agreement. The Department may add up to 2 non-state
20 government employees with expertise in creating integrated
21 delivery systems to its review team for the purchase of care
22 solicitation described in this subsection. Any such
23 individuals must sign a no-conflict disclosure and
24 confidentiality agreement and agree to act in accordance with
25 all applicable State laws.

26 During the first 2 years of an ACE's operation, the

1 Department shall provide claims data to the ACE on its
2 enrollees on a periodic basis no less frequently than monthly.

3 Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to limit the
4 Department's mandate to enroll 50% of its beneficiaries into
5 care coordination systems by January 1, 2015, using all
6 available care coordination delivery systems, including Care
7 Coordination Entities (CCE), MCCNs, or MCOs, nor be construed
8 to affect the current CCEs, MCCNs, and MCOs selected to serve
9 seniors and persons with disabilities prior to that date.

10 Nothing in this subsection precludes the Department from
11 considering future proposals for new ACEs or expansion of
12 existing ACEs at the discretion of the Department.

13 (h) Department contracts with MCOs and other entities
14 reimbursed by risk based capitation shall have a minimum
15 medical loss ratio of 85%, shall require the entity to
16 establish an appeals and grievances process for consumers and
17 providers, and shall require the entity to provide a quality
18 assurance and utilization review program. Entities contracted
19 with the Department to coordinate healthcare regardless of
20 risk shall be measured utilizing the same quality metrics. The
21 quality metrics may be population specific. Any contracted
22 entity serving at least 5,000 seniors or people with
23 disabilities or 15,000 individuals in other populations
24 covered by the Medical Assistance Program that has been
25 receiving full-risk capitation for a year shall be accredited
26 by a national accreditation organization authorized by the

1 Department within 2 years after the date it is eligible to
2 become accredited. The requirements of this subsection shall
3 apply to contracts with MCOs entered into or renewed or
4 extended after June 1, 2013.

5 (h-5) The Department shall monitor and enforce compliance
6 by MCOs with agreements they have entered into with providers
7 on issues that include, but are not limited to, timeliness of
8 payment, payment rates, and processes for obtaining prior
9 approval. The Department may impose sanctions on MCOs for
10 violating provisions of those agreements that include, but are
11 not limited to, financial penalties, suspension of enrollment
12 of new enrollees, and termination of the MCO's contract with
13 the Department. As used in this subsection (h-5), "MCO" has
14 the meaning ascribed to that term in Section 5-30.1 of this
15 Code.

16 (i) Unless otherwise required by federal law, Medicaid
17 Managed Care Entities and their respective business associates
18 shall not disclose, directly or indirectly, including by
19 sending a bill or explanation of benefits, information
20 concerning the sensitive health services received by enrollees
21 of the Medicaid Managed Care Entity to any person other than
22 covered entities and business associates, which may receive,
23 use, and further disclose such information solely for the
24 purposes permitted under applicable federal and State laws and
25 regulations if such use and further disclosure satisfies all
26 applicable requirements of such laws and regulations. The

1 Medicaid Managed Care Entity or its respective business
2 associates may disclose information concerning the sensitive
3 health services if the enrollee who received the sensitive
4 health services requests the information from the Medicaid
5 Managed Care Entity or its respective business associates and
6 authorized the sending of a bill or explanation of benefits.
7 Communications including, but not limited to, statements of
8 care received or appointment reminders either directly or
9 indirectly to the enrollee from the health care provider,
10 health care professional, and care coordinators, remain
11 permissible. Medicaid Managed Care Entities or their
12 respective business associates may communicate directly with
13 their enrollees regarding care coordination activities for
14 those enrollees.

15 For the purposes of this subsection, the term "Medicaid
16 Managed Care Entity" includes Care Coordination Entities,
17 Accountable Care Entities, Managed Care Organizations, and
18 Managed Care Community Networks.

19 For purposes of this subsection, the term "sensitive
20 health services" means mental health services, substance abuse
21 treatment services, reproductive health services, family
22 planning services, services for sexually transmitted
23 infections and sexually transmitted diseases, and services for
24 sexual assault or domestic abuse. Services include prevention,
25 screening, consultation, examination, treatment, or follow-up.

26 For purposes of this subsection, "business associate",

1 "covered entity", "disclosure", and "use" have the meanings
2 ascribed to those terms in 45 CFR 160.103.

3 Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to relieve a
4 Medicaid Managed Care Entity or the Department of any duty to
5 report incidents of sexually transmitted infections to the
6 Department of Public Health or to the local board of health in
7 accordance with regulations adopted under a statute or
8 ordinance or to report incidents of sexually transmitted
9 infections as necessary to comply with the requirements under
10 Section 5 of the Abused and Neglected Child Reporting Act or as
11 otherwise required by State or federal law.

12 The Department shall create policy in order to implement
13 the requirements in this subsection.

14 (j) Managed Care Entities (MCEs), including MCOs and all
15 other care coordination organizations, shall develop and
16 maintain a written language access policy that sets forth the
17 standards, guidelines, and operational plan to ensure language
18 appropriate services and that is consistent with the standard
19 of meaningful access for populations with limited English
20 proficiency. The language access policy shall describe how the
21 MCEs will provide all of the following required services:

22 (1) Translation (the written replacement of text from
23 one language into another) of all vital documents and
24 forms as identified by the Department.

25 (2) Qualified interpreter services (the oral
26 communication of a message from one language into another

1 by a qualified interpreter).

2 (3) Staff training on the language access policy,
3 including how to identify language needs, access and
4 provide language assistance services, work with
5 interpreters, request translations, and track the use of
6 language assistance services.

7 (4) Data tracking that identifies the language need.

8 (5) Notification to participants on the availability
9 of language access services and on how to access such
10 services.

11 (k) The Department shall actively monitor the contractual
12 relationship between Managed Care Organizations (MCOs) and any
13 dental administrator contracted by an MCO to provide dental
14 services. The Department shall adopt appropriate dental
15 Healthcare Effectiveness Data and Information Set (HEDIS)
16 measures and shall include the Annual Dental Visit (ADV) HEDIS
17 measure in its Health Plan Comparison Tool and Illinois
18 Medicaid Plan Report Card that is available on the
19 Department's website for enrolled individuals.

20 The Department shall collect from each MCO specific
21 information about the types of contracted, broad-based care
22 coordination occurring between the MCO and any dental
23 administrator, including, but not limited to, pregnant women
24 and diabetic patients in need of oral care.

25 (l) Beginning 90 days after the effective date of this
26 amendatory Act of the 102nd General Assembly, MCOs, as defined

1 in Section 5-30.1, including managed care community networks,
2 as defined in Section 5-11, shall participate in the
3 Non-Emergency Transportation Services Prior Approval Program
4 (NETSPAP) established in accordance with Section 5-4.2. Each
5 MCO shall submit through NETSPAP for adjudication every unpaid
6 non-emergency transportation claim incurred since January 1,
7 2012. The NETSPAP contractor shall adjudicate all claims
8 received without regard to any deadlines for submission or
9 processing that are otherwise applicable to such claims. In
10 reviewing claims under this subsection, the NETSPAP contractor
11 may accept a certification of medical necessity, a medical
12 certification for ambulance services, a physician
13 certification statement, or such other documentation of
14 medical necessity as would be accepted by the Department in an
15 appeal brought in accordance with Section 5-4.2.

16 All non-emergency ambulance service providers seeking
17 reimbursement for prior claims under this subsection must
18 submit documentation of the transport no later than 150 days
19 after the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 102nd
20 General Assembly.

21 Upon receipt of approval from the NETSPAP contractor, each
22 MCO shall process and pay all approved claims within 30 days,
23 without requiring any further action by the non-emergency
24 transportation services provider.

25 Any denial of reimbursement by the NETSPAP contractor may
26 be appealed under the process established in Section 5-4.2.

1 Any costs incurred in connection with the review of claims
2 by the NETSPAP contractor shall be the sole responsibility of
3 the MCO.

4 (m) Beginning on the effective date of this amendatory Act
5 of the 102nd General Assembly, MCOs shall not unreasonably
6 refuse to contract with ground ambulance services providers as
7 defined in Section 5-4.2 and medi-car services providers as
8 defined in Section 5-4.2, shall not unreasonably restrict
9 access to and the availability of ground ambulance services
10 and medi-car services, and shall ensure that recipients of
11 benefits provided under the Department's programs shall not be
12 liable for ground ambulance services and medi-car services
13 expenses consistent with federal law, Sections 370h and 370i
14 of the Illinois Insurance Code, and any amendments,
15 regulations, policies, and guidelines thereto, including, but
16 not limited to, 50 Ill. Adm. Code 2051.280(b) and any
17 amendments thereto.

18 (Source: P.A. 99-106, eff. 1-1-16; 99-181, eff. 7-29-15;
19 99-566, eff. 1-1-17; 99-642, eff. 7-28-16; 100-587, eff.
20 6-4-18.)

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