

1 AN ACT concerning health.

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

4 Section 5. The Medical Patient Rights Act is amended by
5 adding Section 8 as follows:

6 (410 ILCS 50/8 new)

7 Sec. 8. Equity in health care during public health
8 emergencies.

9 (a) In this Section, "health professional" means a
10 physician, physician assistant, nurse practitioner, a
11 registered professional nurse, advanced practice registered
12 nurse, emergency medical technician, or other individual
13 appropriately licensed or registered to provide health care
14 services.

15 (b) During the pendency of a proclamation issued by the
16 Governor under the Illinois Emergency Management Agency Act
17 declaring that a public health-related emergency exists, a
18 health professional:

19 (1) shall permit people eligible for critical or
20 intensive care services to remain eligible regardless of a
21 patient's age or disability;

22 (2) shall provide individual patient assessments based
23 on the best available objective medical evidence;

1 (3) shall not deny a patient's care based on
2 stereotypes, assessments of a patient's quality of life,
3 or assessments related to disability or other identity
4 factor; and

5 (4) shall not make decisions on health care resources
6 based on age, ancestry, color, creed, disability, domestic
7 partnership or civil union status, ethnicity, gender
8 identity or expression, health insurance status, marital
9 status, national origin, nationality, place of residence,
10 race, sex, sexual orientation, or socioeconomic status if
11 the characteristics are not relevant to the patient's
12 medical diagnosis and treatment.

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