



## 102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### State of Illinois

2021 and 2022

HB5825

Introduced 11/16/2022, by Rep. Keith R. Wheeler

#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

305 ILCS 5/5-5.01c new

Amends the Medical Assistance Article of the Illinois Public Aid Code. Requires the Department of Healthcare and Family Services to establish and administer a Seniors Deserve Dignity Program that provides monthly supplemental personal needs payments to persons residing in supportive living facilities who receive medical assistance and a personal needs allowance as specified in the Illinois Administrative Code. Provides that, beginning July 1, 2023, a qualifying person shall receive a monthly supplemental personal needs payment in the amount of \$30 so that the person's total monthly personal needs allowance is no less than \$120. Provides that, beginning July 1, 2024, a qualifying person shall receive a monthly supplemental personal needs payment in the amount of \$60 so that the person's total monthly personal needs allowance is no less than \$150. Requires a qualifying person's monthly supplemental personal needs payment amount to be adjusted for inflation beginning July 1, 2025 and every July 1 thereafter. Provides that the monthly supplemental personal needs payments shall not be considered income for purposes of determining eligibility or the amount of assistance for any public aid benefit provided under State law. Grants the Department rulemaking authority. Effective July 1, 2023.

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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 adding Section 5-5.01c as follows:

6 (305 ILCS 5/5-5.01c new)

7 Sec. 5-5.01c. Seniors Deserve Dignity Program;  
8 supplemental personal needs payments. Subject to  
9 appropriation, the Department shall establish and administer a  
10 Seniors Deserve Dignity Program that provides monthly  
11 supplemental personal needs payments to persons residing in  
12 supportive living facilities authorized under Section 5-5.01a  
13 who receive medical assistance under this Article and a  
14 personal needs allowance as specified in 89 Ill. Adm. Code  
15 146.225(c). Beginning July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024, a  
16 qualifying person shall receive a monthly supplemental  
17 personal needs payment in the amount of \$30 so that the  
18 person's total monthly personal needs allowance is no less  
19 than \$120. Beginning July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025, a  
20 qualifying person shall receive a monthly supplemental  
21 personal needs payment in the amount of \$60 so that the  
22 person's total monthly personal needs allowance is no less  
23 than \$150. Beginning July 1, 2025 and every July 1 thereafter,

1 a qualifying person's monthly supplemental personal needs  
2 payment amount shall be adjusted for inflation to reflect any  
3 percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index-U during the  
4 preceding 12-month calendar year. The monthly supplemental  
5 personal needs payments provided under the program shall not  
6 be considered income for purposes of determining eligibility  
7 or the amount of assistance for any public aid benefit  
8 provided under State law. The Department may adopt any rules  
9 necessary to implement the program.

10 As used in this Section, "Consumer Price Index-U" means  
11 the index published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the  
12 United States Department of Labor that measures the average  
13 change in prices of goods and services purchased by all urban  
14 consumers, United States city average, all items, 1982-84 =  
15 100.

16 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect July 1,  
17 2023.