

SB2337



102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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SB2337

Introduced 2/26/2021, by Sen. Kimberly A. Lightford

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

305 ILCS 5/5-41 new

Amends the Medical Assistance Article of the Illinois Public Aid Code. Requires the Department of Healthcare and Family Services to ensure that patients experiencing opioid-related overdose or withdrawal are admitted on inpatient status, rather than observation status, for at least 48 hours from the time of admittance to a safety-net hospital. Prohibits managed care organizations from denying inpatient coverage to safety-net hospitals for patients presenting with opioid overdose or withdrawal diagnosis for at least 48 hours from the time of admittance.

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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 adding Section 5-41 as follows:

6 (305 ILCS 5/5-41 new)

7 Sec. 5-41. Inpatient hospitalization for opioid-related
8 overdose or withdrawal patients. Due to the disproportionately
9 high opioid-related fatality rates among African Americans in
10 under-resourced communities in Illinois, the lack of community
11 resources, the comorbidities experienced by these patients,
12 and the high rate of hospital readmission associated with this
13 population when improperly treated, the Department shall
14 ensure that patients experiencing opioid-related overdose or
15 withdrawal are admitted on inpatient status, rather than
16 observation status, for at least 48 hours from the time of
17 admittance to a safety-net hospital. Managed care
18 organizations may not deny inpatient coverage to safety-net
19 hospitals for patients presenting with opioid overdose or
20 withdrawal diagnosis for at least 48 hours from the time of
21 admittance.