

1 AN ACT concerning State government.

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

4 Section 5. The Department of Public Health Powers and
5 Duties Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois is
6 amended by adding Section 2310-257 as follows:

7 (20 ILCS 2310/2310-257 new)

8 Sec. 2310-257. Crisis standards of care plan.

9 (a) The Department shall develop and implement a crisis
10 standards of care plan as an annex to the Department of Public
11 Health's Essential Support Function (ESF-8) Plan for Public
12 Health and Medical Services, to assist health care facilities
13 and provide support in situations in which local medical
14 resources are overwhelmed, including, but not limited to,
15 public health emergencies, as that term is defined in Section
16 4 of the Illinois Emergency Management Agency Act.

17 (b) In developing a crisis standards of care plan, the
18 Department shall:

19 (1) collaborate with the entities listed in Sections
20 2310-50.5 and 2310-620 of the Department of Public Health
21 Powers and Duties Law of the Civil Administrative Code of
22 Illinois;

23 (2) ensure the crisis standards of care plan addresses

1 situations in which a conventional response moves to a
2 crisis response and key resources may be affected;

3 (3) establish a multi-disciplinary planning committee
4 with representation from the following, as applicable:

5 (A) the Department and local public health
6 agencies;

7 (B) emergency medical services;

8 (C) healthcare providers and facilities, including
9 representation of rural, urban, and critical access
10 and municipal healthcare providers and facilities;

11 (D) medical ethicists;

12 (E) healthcare coalitions, including, but not
13 limited to, a statewide association representing
14 hospitals; and

15 (F) other members from across the State with
16 expertise within their disciplines, as necessary, to
17 inform and develop an emergency medical disaster plan;

18 (4) conduct literature reviews to develop an
19 inclusive, culturally sensitive, and ethical framework for
20 the Emergency Medical Disaster Plan Crisis Standards of
21 Care Annex, which considers, among other factors, ethical
22 healthcare decision making, health equity, and social
23 determinants of health, and the equitable distribution of
24 patients and critical healthcare resources in a manner
25 that, to the maximum extent possible and given resources
26 available at the time, reduces shortages of healthcare

1 resources to preserve lives during a public health
2 emergency; and

3 (5) disseminate the crisis standards of care plan
4 among healthcare providers and facilities, emergency
5 management officials, public safety communities, and other
6 stakeholders, including, but not limited to, disseminating
7 information about, and gathering feedback on, the
8 emergency medical disaster plan, including gathering
9 general information and data, assessing regional needs,
10 perspectives, specific capabilities and potential
11 challenges, to ensure a structured, ethical, culturally
12 sensitive, and integrated framework and approach to
13 equitable distribution of resources during public health
14 emergencies.

15 (c) The Department may adopt rules necessary to implement
16 this Section.

17 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
18 becoming law.