



## 103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### State of Illinois

2023 and 2024

SB1816

Introduced 2/9/2023, by Sen. Ann Gillespie

#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

305 ILCS 5/5-47 new

Amends the Medical Assistance Article of the Illinois Public Aid Code. Requires the Department of Healthcare and Family Services to develop policies and procedures with the goal of increasing the capacity of behavioral health services provided by federally qualified health centers. Requires the Department to develop, no later than July 1, 2023, billing policies that provide reimbursement to federally qualified health centers for services rendered by graduate-level, sub-clinical behavioral health professionals who deliver care under the supervision of a fully licensed behavioral health clinician who is licensed as a clinical social worker, clinical professional counselor, marriage and family therapist, or clinical psychologist. Provides that to be eligible for reimbursement, a graduate-level, sub-clinical professional must meet the educational requirements set forth by the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation for licensed clinical social workers, licensed clinical professional counselors, licensed marriage and family therapists, or licensed clinical psychologists. Provides that an individual seeking to fulfill post-degree experience requirements in order to qualify for licensing as a clinical social worker, clinical professional counselor, marriage and family therapist, or clinical psychologist shall also be eligible for reimbursement so long as the individual complies with certain requirements. Requires the Department to work with a trade association representing a majority of federally qualified health centers operating in Illinois to develop the policies and procedures required under the amendatory Act. Effective immediately.

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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 5-47 as follows:

6 (305 ILCS 5/5-47 new)

7 Sec. 5-47. Increasing behavioral health service capacity  
8 in federally qualified health centers. The Department of  
9 Healthcare and Family Services shall develop policies and  
10 procedures with the goal of increasing the capacity of  
11 behavioral health services provided by federally qualified  
12 health centers as defined in Section 1905(1)(2)(B) of the  
13 federal Social Security Act. The Department shall develop, no  
14 later than July 1, 2023, billing policies that provide  
15 reimbursement to federally qualified health centers for  
16 services rendered by graduate-level, sub-clinical behavioral  
17 health professionals who deliver care under the supervision of  
18 a fully licensed behavioral health clinician who is licensed  
19 as a clinical social worker, clinical professional counselor,  
20 marriage and family therapist, or clinical psychologist.

21 To be eligible for reimbursement as provided for in this  
22 Section, a graduate-level, sub-clinical professional must meet  
23 the educational requirements set forth by the Department of

1 Financial and Professional Regulation for licensed clinical  
2 social workers, licensed clinical professional counselors,  
3 licensed marriage and family therapists, or licensed clinical  
4 psychologists. An individual seeking to fulfill post-degree  
5 experience requirements in order to qualify for licensing as a  
6 clinical social worker, clinical professional counselor,  
7 marriage and family therapist, or clinical psychologist shall  
8 also be eligible for reimbursement under this Section so long  
9 as the individual is in compliance with all applicable laws  
10 and regulations regarding supervision, including, but not  
11 limited to, the requirement that the supervised experience be  
12 under the order, control, and full professional responsibility  
13 of the individual's supervisor or that the individual is  
14 designated by a title that clearly indicates training status.

15 The Department shall work with a trade association  
16 representing a majority of federally qualified health centers  
17 operating in Illinois to develop the policies and procedures  
18 required under this Section.

19 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
20 becoming law.