



**93RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY**  
**State of Illinois**  
**2003 and 2004**

Introduced 2/6/2004, by Tom Cross

**SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:**

305 ILCS 5/5-5.25 new

Amends the Illinois Public Aid Code. Provides for an increase in the rates paid to every vendor of goods or services under the Medicaid program so that those rates are equal to the rates paid to such vendors under Medicare. Provides for implementation of the rate increase over a 3-year period. Effective immediately.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT  
MAY APPLY

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 5-5.25 as follows:

6 (305 ILCS 5/5-5.25 new)

7 Sec. 5-5.25. Rate increase to Medicare rate level.  
8 Notwithstanding any other provision of this Code, the  
9 Department of Public Aid shall increase the rates paid to every  
10 vendor of goods or services provided to recipients of medical  
11 assistance under this Article so that the rate paid under this  
12 Article for each such item or service is equal to the rate paid  
13 to a vendor of such goods or services under the Medicare  
14 program. The Department shall implement this rate increase over  
15 a period of 3 years so that one-third of the increase is  
16 applied for State fiscal year 2005, 50% of the remaining  
17 balance of the increase is applied for State fiscal year 2006,  
18 and the entire amount of the remaining balance of the increase  
19 is applied for State fiscal year 2007. Thereafter, the rates  
20 paid under this Article shall equal the rates paid under the  
21 Medicare program.

22 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
23 becoming law.