



93RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY
State of Illinois
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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

305 ILCS 5/5-5.12b new

Amends the Illinois Public Aid Code. With respect to the Medicaid program, directs the Department of Public Aid to establish a Prescription Drug Therapeutics Committee to review and either approve or reject the Department's prescription drug policies and management practices.

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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 5-5.12b as follows:

6 (305 ILCS 5/5-5.12b new)

7 Sec. 5-5.12b. Prescription Drug Therapeutics Committee.

8 (a) The Department of Public Aid shall establish a
9 Prescription Drug Therapeutics Committee ("the Committee") to
10 review and either approve or reject the Department's
11 prescription drug policies and management practices.

12 (b) The Committee shall be composed of the following 11
13 members:

14 (1) Five physicians licensed to practice medicine in
15 all of its branches in Illinois, including the following:

16 (A) one physician with expertise in the area of
17 family practice;

18 (B) one physician with expertise in the area of
19 pediatrics;

20 (C) one physician with expertise in the area of
21 geriatrics;

22 (D) one physician with expertise in the area of
23 psychiatric medicine; and

24 (E) one physician with expertise in the area of
25 internal medicine and who specializes in the treatment
26 of diabetes.

27 At least 3 of the physicians must have at least 3 years
28 of recent experience in prescription drug formulary
29 management, including therapeutic category review.

30 (2) Two pharmacists who are licensed to practice
31 pharmacy in the State of Illinois and who have a doctor of
32 pharmacy degree or equivalent degree.

1 (3) Two representatives of medical assistance
2 recipients who advocate on behalf of recipients for
3 improved services.

4 (4) Two medical assistance recipients who have had
5 experience with prescription drug policies of the Illinois
6 Department of Public Aid.

7 Committee members shall be appointed for terms of 3 years.

8 A member may be reappointed to the Committee upon completion of
9 the member's term.

10 The Committee members shall select a chair of the Committee
11 from among the members.

12 (c) A member of the Committee may not be employed by or
13 contract with the State of Illinois, a pharmaceutical
14 manufacturer or labeler, or a pharmacy benefits management
15 organization. A member of the Committee may, however, contract
16 with the State under a medical assistance provider agreement
17 for the sole purpose of delivering services to medical
18 assistance recipients.

19 (d) The Committee shall meet at least quarterly and shall
20 also meet on the call of the chair of the Committee. A quorum
21 of the committee consists of 7 members. The affirmative votes
22 of a majority of a quorum of the Committee are required for the
23 Committee to take action on any measure.

24 (e) The Department of Public Aid shall reimburse Committee
25 members for their reasonable expenses actually incurred in
26 performing their duties and shall provide staff support to the
27 Committee at the request of the Committee chair.

28 (f) A meeting of the Committee is a meeting of a public
29 body for purposes of the Open Meetings Act.

30 (g) The Department of Public Aid shall adopt rules to
31 implement this Section.