

August 10, 2009

To the Honorable Members of the
Illinois House of Representatives
96th General Assembly

Today I return House Bill 204 with a specific recommendation for change. I thank the sponsors for their hard work on this bill. This bill recognizes the need to increase access to critical services, while assuring quality care by ensuring qualified providers render care. I agree with this goal, and hope that this change helps accomplish this aim.

Therefore, pursuant to Article IV, Section 9(e) of the Illinois Constitution of 1970, I hereby return House Bill 204, entitled "AN ACT concerning public aid", with the following specific recommendation for change:

on line 9, by replacing "nurses" with "nurses who hold a current certification in Psychiatric and Mental Health Nursing".

Nothing in this amendatory act shall be construed as invalidating the rules filed by the Department of Healthcare and Family Services, 89 Ill. Admin Code 140.135, in accordance with the administrative procedures act and the procedures of JCAR.

With this change, House Bill 204 will have my approval. I respectfully request your concurrence.

Sincerely,

PAT QUINN
Governor