

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 changing Section 5-20 as follows:

6 (305 ILCS 5/5-20)

7 Sec. 5-20. Electronic health care card. By December 31,  
8 1994, the Illinois Department may develop and implement by rule  
9 an electronic health information system to process claims  
10 electronically and to electronically store Medicare and  
11 Medicaid patient records, medical histories, and billing  
12 information. The Illinois Department may issue each Medicare  
13 and Medicaid recipient a health card containing electronically  
14 coded information that will access the system, verify their  
15 Medicare or Medicaid status, and display how much the patient  
16 must pay in deductibles or copayments for a medical procedure.  
17 The Illinois Department may also develop safeguards to protect  
18 recipients' health information from misuse or unauthorized  
19 disclosure.

20 On or before July 1, 2011, the Department shall cease  
21 issuing monthly MediPlan cards and shall instead issue  
22 permanent or semi-permanent member cards to individuals  
23 enrolled for medical assistance. Furthermore, the Department

1 may employ any reasonable means by which providers may verify  
2 an individual's eligibility for medical assistance in place of  
3 MediPlan cards.

4 (Source: P.A. 88-308; 88-670, eff. 12-2-94.)