

1 AN ACT in relation to health.

2 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,
3 represented in the General Assembly:

4 Section 5. The Department of Public Health Powers and
5 Duties Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois is
6 amended by changing Sections 2310-425 and 2310-430 as
7 follows:

8 (20 ILCS 2310/2310-425) (was 20 ILCS 2310/55.66)
9 Sec. 2310-425. Health care summary for women.

10 (a) From funds made available from the General Assembly
11 for this purpose, the Department shall publish in plain
12 language, in both an English and a Spanish version, a
13 pamphlet providing information regarding health care for
14 women which shall include the following:

15 (1) A summary of the various medical conditions,
16 including cancer, lead poisoning, sexually transmitted
17 diseases, endometriosis, or other similar diseases or
18 conditions widely affecting women's reproductive health,
19 that may require a hysterectomy or other treatment.

20 (2) A summary of the recommended schedule and
21 indications for physical examinations, including
22 screening for lead poisoning and "pap smears" or other
23 tests designed to detect medical conditions of the uterus
24 and other reproductive organs. The summary shall also
25 include information regarding the health risks associated
26 with the conditions and the reasons for conducting the
27 exam and recommended screening or tests, including
28 information regarding the risks of breast-feeding a
29 newborn infant by a mother whose level of lead poisoning
30 is identified as posing a risk to a nursing infant.

31 (3) A summary of the widely accepted medical

1 treatments, including viable alternatives, that may be
2 prescribed for the medical conditions specified in
3 paragraph (1).

4 (b) In developing the summary the Department shall
5 consult with the Illinois State Medical Society and consumer
6 groups. The summary shall be updated by the Department every
7 2 years.

8 (c) The Department shall distribute the summary to
9 hospitals, public health centers, and physicians who are
10 likely to treat medical conditions described in paragraph (1)
11 of subsection (a). Those hospitals, public health centers,
12 and physicians shall make the summaries available to the
13 public. The Department shall also distribute the summaries to
14 any person, organization, or other interested parties upon
15 request. The summary may be duplicated by any person provided
16 the copies are identical to the current summary prepared by
17 the Department.

18 (d) The summary shall display on the inside of its
19 cover, printed in capital letters and bold face type, the
20 following paragraph:

21 "The information contained in this brochure is only for
22 the purpose of assisting you, the patient, in understanding
23 the medical information and advice offered by your physician.
24 This brochure cannot serve as a substitute for the sound
25 professional advice of your physician. The availability of
26 this brochure or the information contained within is not
27 intended to alter, in any way, the existing physician-patient
28 relationship, nor the existing professional obligations of
29 your physician in the delivery of medical services to you,
30 the patient."

31 (e) The Department shall periodically survey hospitals,
32 public health centers, and physicians to whom the summary is
33 distributed to assess utilization by the women that are
34 served.

1 (Source: P.A. 91-239, eff. 1-1-00.)

2 (20 ILCS 2310/2310-430) (was 20 ILCS 2310/55.69)

3 Sec. 2310-430. Women's health issues.

4 (a) The Department shall designate a member of its staff
5 to handle women's health issues not currently or adequately
6 addressed by the Department.

7 (b) The staff person's duties shall include, without
8 limitation:

9 (1) Assisting in the assessment of the health needs
10 of women in the State.

11 (2) Recommending treatment methods and programs
12 that are sensitive and relevant to the unique
13 characteristics of women.

14 (3) Promoting awareness of women's health concerns
15 and encouraging, promoting, and aiding in the
16 establishment of women's services.

17 (4) Providing adequate and effective opportunities
18 for women to express their views on Departmental policy
19 development and program implementation.

20 (5) Providing information to the members of the
21 public, patients, and health care providers regarding
22 women's gynecological cancers, including but not limited
23 to the signs and symptoms, risk factors, the benefits of
24 early detection through appropriate diagnostic testing,
25 and treatment options, as well as information concerning
26 the health risks associated with lead poisoning
27 (including the risk of breast-feeding a newborn infant by
28 a woman whose level of lead poisoning is identified as
29 posing a risk to a nursing infant) and the need for
30 screening for lead poisoning.

31 (6) Publishing the health care summary required
32 under Section 2310-425 55-66 of this Act.

33 (c) The information provided under item (5) of

1 subsection (b) of this Section may include, but is not
2 limited to, the following:

3 (1) Educational and informational materials in
4 print, audio, video, electronic, or other media.

5 (2) Public service announcements and
6 advertisements.

7 (3) The health care summary required under Section
8 2310-425 55-66 of this Act.

9 The Department may develop or contract with others to
10 develop, as the Director deems appropriate, the materials
11 described in this subsection (c) or may survey available
12 publications from, among other sources, the National Cancer
13 Institute and the American Cancer Society. The staff person
14 designated under this Section shall collect the materials,
15 formulate a distribution plan, and disseminate the materials
16 according to the plan. These materials shall be made
17 available to the public free of charge.

18 In exercising its powers under this subsection (c), the
19 Department shall consult with appropriate health care
20 professionals and providers, patients, and organizations
21 representing health care professionals and providers and
22 patients.

23 (Source: P.A. 91-106, eff. 1-1-00; 91-239, eff. 1-1-00;
24 revised 8-6-99.)

25 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
26 becoming law.