

1 AN ACT concerning health care for women.

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

4 Section 5. The Hospital Licensing Act is amended by
5 adding Section 11.5 as follows:

6 (210 ILCS 85/11.5 new)

7 Sec. 11.5. Uniform standards of obstetrical care
8 regardless of ability to pay.

9 (a) No hospital may promulgate policies or implement
10 practices that determine differing standards of obstetrical
11 care based upon a patient's source of payment or ability to
12 pay for medical services.

13 (b) Each hospital shall develop a written policy
14 statement reflecting the requirements of subsection (a) and
15 shall post written notices of this policy in the obstetrical
16 admitting areas of the hospital by July 1, 2002. Notices
17 posted pursuant to this Section shall be posted in the
18 predominant language or languages spoken in the hospital's
19 service area.

20 Section 15. The Illinois Public Aid Code is amended by
21 adding Section 5-16.7a as follows:

22 (305 ILCS 5/5-16.7a new)

23 Sec. 5-16.7a. Reimbursement for epidural anesthesia
24 services. The Department shall provide reimbursement to
25 medical providers for epidural anesthesia services when
26 ordered by the attending practitioner at the time of
27 delivery.

28 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon

1 becoming law.