

1 AN ACT in relation to medical assistance.

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 5-1 as follows:

6 (305 ILCS 5/5-1) (from Ch. 23, par. 5-1)

7 Sec. 5-1. Declaration of purpose. It is the purpose of
8 this Article to provide a program of essential medical care
9 and rehabilitative services for persons receiving basic
10 maintenance grants under this Code and for other persons who
11 are unable, because of inadequate resources, to meet their
12 essential medical needs.

13 Preservation of health, alleviation of sickness, and
14 correction of handicapping conditions for persons requiring
15 maintenance support are essential if those persons they are
16 to have an opportunity to become self-supporting or to attain
17 a greater capacity for self-care. For persons who are
18 medically indigent but otherwise able to provide themselves
19 with a livelihood, it is of special importance to maintain
20 their incentives for continued independence and preserve
21 their limited resources for ordinary maintenance needs to
22 prevent their total or substantial dependency.

23 (Source: Laws 1967, p. 122.)