

1 AN ACT concerning postpartum depression.

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

4 Section 5. The Department of Human Services Act is
5 amended by adding Section 10-7 as follows:

6 (20 ILCS 1305/10-7 new)

7 Sec. 10-7. Postpartum depression.

8 (a) The Department shall develop and distribute a
9 brochure or other information about the signs, symptoms,
10 screening or detection techniques, and care for postpartum
11 depression, including but not limited to methods for patients
12 and family members to better understand the nature and causes
13 of postpartum depression in order to lower the likelihood
14 that new mothers will continue to suffer from this illness.
15 This brochure shall be developed in conjunction with the
16 Illinois State Medical Society, the Illinois Society for
17 Advanced Practice Nursing, and any other appropriate
18 statewide organization of licensed professionals.

19 (b) The brochure required under subsection (a) of this
20 Section shall be distributed, at a minimum, to physicians
21 licensed to practice medicine in all its branches, certified
22 nurse midwives, and other health care professionals who
23 provide care to pregnant women in the hospital, office, or
24 clinic.

25 (c) The Secretary may contract with a statewide
26 organization of physicians licensed to practice medicine in
27 all its branches for the purposes of this Section.