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Q: In 2016, Illinois passed an “Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias Services Act” (P.L. 99-0822) that requires, among other things, that the director of an Alzheimer's disease and related dementias services program with less than 5 years of experience as a program director complete a curriculum from a list compiled by the Illinois Department of Public Health. According to this Act, IDPH was supposed to have developed this list along with the rest of the regulations for this act by September 2017. Has it done so?

A: The answer is not yet. We checked with IDPH and they stated that they are working on the required rulemaking, but have not yet completed a final draft. Once they complete the draft rulemaking, they will need to take it to the LTC Advisory Board for their review and then publish in it the Illinois Register for public comment. Based on the time it takes for rulemaking to go through the entire process, I don’t expect there to be final rules related to this Act until 2019 at the earliest.