

Support HB6253, HA#1: A New Medicaid Opportunity for Illinois

HB6253, HA#1 would allow for 342,000 low-income adults in Illinois to be newly eligible for and enrolled in Medicaid over the next four years. Coverage for those who enroll would start on Jan 1, 2014. Enrollment starts Oct 2013.

HB6253, HA#1 includes language that would cease coverage for this new population if the federal government's share of Medicaid matching funds drops below 90%. The federal government pays 100% of the costs of the newly eligible from 2014 through 2016.

Who are the newly eligible?

- Of the 1.7 million uninsured Illinois residents, approximately 342,000 people would be newly eligible for Medicaid.
- Over 60% of those newly eligible are employed, but work at low-wage or part-time jobs that do not offer affordable coverage.

Why is it important for Illinois pass this legislation?

- Through 2016, this legislation will bring an estimated \$4.6 billion into Illinois in Medicaid provider payments for the newly eligible adults, with no net state costs for their health care.
- Access to low-cost preventive and maintenance medical care through a medical home will help to keep individuals out of costly emergency rooms.
- Coverage for this newly eligible population is required by federal law.

How much would this cost Illinois?

- "New Medicaid" would be paid for 100% by the federal government, from 2014 – 2016, replacing GRF and local government funds currently spent on this population and reducing the uncompensated care costs shifted to public and private payers.
- The Kaiser Family Foundation estimates that total uncompensated care in Illinois would decline by approximately \$953 million from 2013-2022.
- Illinois would receive federal funds to pay for mental health and other services that are currently only state-funded.
- Townships and general assistance units would be relieved from paying some of the bills of general assistance recipients who are uninsured.

SUPPORT HB6253, HA#1 TODAY!

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Organizations supporting HB6253, HA#1 (last updated 1/2/12)

Illinois Hospital Association
AARP Illinois
Access Living
Aetna
AFC-Community Development Corporation
Age Options
AIDS Foundation of Chicago
AIDS Legal Council of Chicago
Alexian Brothers AIDS Ministry
Alexian Brothers Center for Mental Health
Alzheimer Association Illinois Chapter Network
American Nurses Association Illinois
Areas of Aging (Northwestern, Western and Northeastern Illinois)
Asian American Institute, Member of AACAJ
Asian Health Coalition of Illinois
Asian Human Services
Asian Human Services Family Health Center
Association of Community Mental Health Authorities of Illinois
Association House of Chicago
BJC Healthcare
BlueCross BlueShield of Illinois
Campaign for Better Healthcare
Center for Housing and Health
Center on Halsted
Champaign County Health Care Consumers
Chestnut Health Systems
Chicago Alliance to End Homelessness
Chicago House and Social Service Agency
Chicago Women's AIDS Project
Citizen Action Illinois
CJE SeniorLife
Community Behavioral Healthcare Association Illinois
Community Counseling Centers of Chicago
Community Elements
Connect 2 Protect
Cook County Commissioner Larry Suffredin
Corporation for Supportive Housing
Doctors Council SEIU
Dr. Art Jones
DuPage County Health Department
Ecker Center for Mental Health
Equip for Equality
Erie Family Health Center
Families and Children's Network (FCAN)
Family Services SRC
Family Voices of Illinois/The Arc of Illinois
Family to Family
Grand Prairie Services
Haymarket Center
Health Alliance Medical Plans
Health and Disability Advocates
Health and Medicine Policy Research Group
Health Information Center
Healthcare Alternative Systems
Healthcare Consortium of Illinois
Heartland Alliance for Human Needs and Human Rights
Heritage Behavioral Health Center
Housing Opportunities for Women
Howard Brown Health Center
Human Resources Development Institute, Inc
Illinicare Health Plan
Illinois Academy of Family Physicians
Illinois Action for Children
Illinois Alcoholism and Drug Dependence Association
Illinois Alliance for Retired Americans
Illinois Assistive Technology Program
Illinois Association of Area Agencies on Aging
Illinois Association of Public Health Administrators
Illinois Association of Rehabilitation Facilities
Illinois Chapter, American Academy of Pediatrics
Illinois Citizens for Better Care
Illinois Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights
Illinois Collaboration on Youth
Illinois Maternal and Child Health Coalition
Illinois Network of Centers for Independent Living
Illinois Partners for Human Service
Illinois Primary Health Care Association
Illinois Psychological Association
Illinois Public Health Association
Illinois Retail Merchants Association (IRMA)
Illinois Society for Advanced Practice Nursing
Independence Center

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Indian American Medical Association Charitable Foundation
Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago
La Rabida Children's Hospital
Lake County Health Department
Latino Policy Forum
Lurie Children's Hospital
Lutheran Social Services of Illinois
Maine Center, Inc.
March of Dimes
Men & Women in Prison Ministries
Mental Health America of Illinois
Mental Health Summit
Meridian Health Plan of Illinois
METRO Counties of Illinois
Metropolitan Asian Family Services
Metropolitan Chicago Breast Cancer Task Force
Metropolitan Family Services
Molina Healthcare of Illinois NAMI Cook County North Suburban
NAMI DeKalb Kane South and Kendall Counties
NAMI of Greater Chicago
NAMI of Illinois
NAMI South Suburbs of Chicago
National Association of Social Workers IL Chapter
National Council of Jewish Women-Illinois Committee
National Kidney Foundation of Illinois
New Foundation Center
Next Steps- NFP
Northern Illinois Public Health Consortium
Northwestern Illinois Center for Independent Living
Northwestern Memorial HealthCare
Organization of the NorthEast (ONE)
Ounce of Prevention Fund
Pediatric AIDS Chicago Prevention Initiative

Planned Parenthood of Illinois
Prairie Center
Presence Health
Progressive Action for the Common Good
Project IRENE
Protestants for the Common Good
Respiratory Health Association
Roosevelt University's Illinois Consortium on Drug Policy
Rosecrance
Sacred Creations
Sargent Shriver National Center on Poverty Law
SEIU Healthcare Illinois Indiana
SEIU Illinois Council
SEIU Local 73
Sinai Health System
South Asian American Policy & Research Institute
Southwest Organizing Project (SWOP)
Statewide Independent Living Council
Supportive Housing Providers Association
TASC, Inc.
The Arc of Illinois
The South Suburban Council on Alcoholism and Substance Abuse
Thresholds
Township Officials of Illinois
Trilogy
Turning Point Behavioral Health Care Center
UCB Pharma
United Power for Action and Justice
University of Illinois Hospital & Health Sciences System
Vermilion County 708 Mental Health Board
Voices for Illinois Children
WellCare
Wells Center
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