



2019 Legislative Tracker (Updated 3/9/19)

BILL #	SPONSOR	STATUS	LEADINGAGE ILLINOIS POSITION	SYNOPSIS
HB272	Rep. Gregory Harris (D-13th District; Chicago) Majority Leader	Assigned to Appropriations-Human Services Committee on 1/29/19	Monitoring	<p>Creates the Health Insurer Claims Assessment Act.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Imposes an assessment of 1% on claims paid by a health insurance carrier or third-party administrator. The moneys received and collected under the Act shall be deposited into the Healthcare Provider Relief Fund and used solely for the purpose of funding Medicaid services provided under the medical assistance programs administered by the Department of Healthcare and Family Services.
HB669	Rep. Michael Madigan (D-22nd District; Chicago) Speaker of the House	Assigned to Executive Committee on 2-5-19	Monitoring	Amends the Biometric Information Privacy Act, making a technical change in a Section concerning the short title.
HB1459	Rep. Sara Feigenholtz (D-12th District; Chicago)	Assigned to Labor & Commerce Committee on 2/13/19	Support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Amends the Nurse Practice Act.

				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ratifies and approves the Nurse Licensure Compact, which allows for the issuance of multistate licenses that allow nurses to practice in their home state and other compact states. Compact does not supersede existing State labor laws.
HB1603	Rep. Yehiel Kalish (D-16th District; Skokie)	Referred to House Rules Committee on 2/1/19	Under Legislative Review	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amends the Medical Assistance Article of the Illinois Public Aid Code. • HFS shall not require any resident of a nursing home licensed under the Nursing Home Care Act to enroll in or transition to the State's managed care medical assistance program, including any demonstration program operated by contract with the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. • Effective immediately.
HB2488	Rep. Kathleen Willis (D-77th District; Northlake) Majority Conference Chairperson	Assigned to Human Services Committee on 2/26/19	Support as amended. Met with sponsor to come to an agreement on amendatory language.	<p>Creates the Continuing Care Retirement Community Transparency Task Force (2 House amendments to be introduced)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amends the Life Care Facilities Act. • Task Force is to research and collect information on transparency and consumer protection issues for life care contracts. • Task Force shall review existing legal frameworks to

				<p>identify all existing consumer protections for residents living in continuing care retirement communities and all areas in which more consumer protections for continuing care retirement community residents are necessary.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Task Force shall identify any shortcomings of the definition of "life care contract" and determine whether that definition should be expanded to include more senior living facilities. Provides that members shall receive no compensation for their services but may be reimbursed for expenses. Requires the Department of Public Health shall provide administrative and other support to the Task Force. Provides that the Task Force shall report its findings to the Governor and General Assembly by December 31, 2019. Effective immediately.
HB2637	Rep. Sara Feigenholtz (D-12th District; Chicago)	Assigned to Appropriations-Human Services Committee on 2/26/19	Support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amends the Medical Assistance Article of the Illinois Public Aid Code. • Removes language providing that Medicaid rates for supportive living facilities effective on July 1, 2018 must be equal to the rates in effect for supportive

				<p>living facilities on June 30, 2018.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medicaid rates for supportive living services on and after July 1, 2019 must be equal to 60% of the average total nursing facility services per diem for the geographic areas defined by the Department of Healthcare and Family Services. • For supportive living facilities specializing in dementia care, the rate must be 72% instead of 60%. • Requires the Medicaid rates for supportive living services to be updated whenever the total nursing facility service per diems are updated. • Requires the Department to delink the per diem rate paid for supportive living facility services from the per diem rate paid for nursing facility services, effective for services provided on or after May 1, 2011 through June 30, 2019 (rather than effective for services provided on or after May 1, 2011). • Effective immediately.
HB2659	Rep. Norine Hammond (R-93rd District; Macomb) Assistant Republican Leader	Passed out of House Human Services Committee 16-0 on 2/26/19. Moves to 2 nd Reading.	Support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amends the Illinois Public Aid Code. • Makes technical changes to specify in provisions concerning provisional

				<p>eligibility for long-term care services that the Department of Healthcare and Family Services shall adopt rules.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Effective immediately.
HB2690	Rep. Sara Feigenholtz (D-12th District; Chicago)	Assigned to House Medicaid Subcommittee on 3/6/19	Support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amends the Medical Assistance Article of the Illinois Public Aid Code. • Requires each managed care organization contracted with the Department of Healthcare and Family Services to file an annual cost report in a form and manner prescribed by the Department. • Department must make all cost reports available to the public, including, but not limited to, posting the cost reports on the Department's website.
HB3521	Rep. Emanuel Chris Welch (D-7th District; Westchester)	Assigned to Human Services Committee on 3/5/19	Oppose	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amends the Assisted Living and Shared Housing Act. • Adds provisions concerning involuntary terminations of residency, hearings when residency is involuntarily terminated, and readmission of residents. • An establishment shall notify a resident when the establishment's ability to meet the resident's needs may be affected. • If establishment initiates a termination of residency, then the resident shall be provided with written notice.

				<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Department of Public Health shall (rather than may) offer assistance to an establishment and resident in preparation for a residency termination.• An establishment that improperly terminates the residency of a resident shall be assessed a violation.• Amends the Nursing Home Care Act.• Makes changes to provisions concerning the involuntary transfer or discharge of a resident, hearings when a resident is involuntarily transferred or discharged, and the readmission of residents.• A resident has a right not to be unlawfully transferred or discharged from a facility.• Amends the Assisted Living and Shared Housing Act and the Nursing Home Care Act.• In certain circumstances the Department shall order immediate readmission of a resident.• A failure to readmit a resident after receiving an order to do so from the Department shall result in a specified daily fine.• Department shall adopt rules related to conflicts of interest for persons who conduct specified hearings.
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SB43	Sen. David Koehler (D-46th District; Peoria) Assistant Majority Leader	Moved to 2 nd Reading in Senate on 2/20/19	Support	<p>As amended by Senate Committee Amendment #1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amends the Medical Assistance Article of the Illinois Public Aid Code. • Department of Healthcare and Family Services shall not require any resident of a nursing home licensed under the Nursing Home Care Act to enroll in or transition to the State's managed care medical assistance program, including any demonstration program operated by contract with the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services or its successor. • Effective immediately.
SB79	Sen. John Mulroe (D-10th District; Chicago)	Assigned to Senate Human Services Committee on 1/23/19	Support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amends the Illinois Public Aid Code. • If DHS fails to notify a facility licensed under the Nursing Home Care Act or a supportive living facility authorized under the Code that a resident's application for medical assistance or long-term care benefits is rejected or denied, the Department shall reinstate the application effective the date of rejection or denial, the caseworker assigned to process the application shall identify and retrieve all missing information on

				<p>behalf of the resident, and the facility and resident shall be notified of the reinstatement, any informational requests, and the outcome.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requires the Department to expedite the processing of all reinstated applications. • Effective immediately.
SB109	Sen. Terry Link (D-30th District; Gurnee) <i>Assistant Majority Leader</i>	Assigned to Senate Public Health Committee on 2/6/19	Support as amended.	<p>Amendment #1 will amend the below.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amends the Authorized Electronic Monitoring in Long-Term Care Facilities Act to include in the definition of "facility" a facility that provides housing to individuals with dementia. • Authorizes electronic monitoring in rooms of residents with dementia. • Effective immediately.
SB152	Sen. Iris Y. Martinez (D-20th District; Chicago) <i>Assistant Majority Leader</i>	Referred to Senate Assignments Committee on 1/29/19	Support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amends the Nurse Practice Act. • Ratifies and approves the Nurse Licensure Compact, which allows for the issuance of multistate licenses that allow nurses to practice in their home state and other compact states. • Compact does not supersede existing State labor laws.
SB1573	Sen. John Mulroe (D-10th District; Chicago)	Moved to 3 rd Reading on 3/6/19	Support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amends the Illinois Public Aid Code. • Makes technical changes to specify in provisions

				<p>concerning provisional eligibility for long-term care services that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (i) the Department of Healthcare and Family Services must maintain the applicant's provisional Medicaid enrollment status until a final eligibility determination is approved or the applicant's appeal has been adjudicated and eligibility is denied; • (ii) the Department of Healthcare and Family Services or the managed care organization, if applicable, must reimburse providers for services rendered during an applicant's provisional eligibility period; • (iii) the Department of Healthcare and Family Services must submit payment vouchers for all retroactive reimbursement due to the Office of the Comptroller within 10 business days of issuing provisional eligibility to an applicant; and • (iv) the Department of Healthcare and Family Services must adopt rules.
SB2021	Sen. Heather Steans (D-7th District; Chicago)	Assigned to Human Services Committee on 3/5/19	Monitoring	<p>Creates the Medicaid Eligibility Determination and Renewal Reform Act.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requires the Department of Healthcare and Family

				<p>Services (Department) to work with the Department of Human Services to achieve the following goals related to eligibility determinations and renewals under the Medical Assistance Program:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (i) reduce procedural terminations so that no more than 10% of medical assistance beneficiaries who remain eligible for medical assistance experience any lapse in contemporaneous medical coverage; and • (ii) use technology to lower administrative burdens and increase beneficiary continuity of coverage by providing real-time eligibility determination decisions for at least 75% of all medical assistance applicants, increasing automatic renewals for medical assistance beneficiaries, and offering an electronic means by which medical assistance beneficiaries can track and maintain their benefits. • The goals must be met by December 31, 2020. • Requires the Department to submit Medicaid and CHIP State Plan amendments to implement express lane eligibility for all beneficiaries of medical assistance and
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				<p>benefits under the Children's Health Insurance Program Act.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Contains provisions concerning community-based enrollment and redetermination assistance; the creation of enhanced user permission; and other matters.• Amends the Illinois Public Aid Code.• Requires the Department to reduce administrative burdens and minimize delay utilizing its income, residency, and identity verification system; and to utilize federal or State electronic data sources to obtain certain financial, employment, and residency information.• Contains provisions concerning data matching; the waiver of residency verification requirements; rulemaking authority; and other matters.• Effective immediately.
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