



2019 Legislative Tracker (Updated 5/16/19)

| BILL # | SPONSOR | STATUS | LEADINGAGE ILLINOIS POSITION | SYNOPSIS |
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| HB272 | Rep. Gregory Harris (D-13th District; Chicago) Majority Leader | Re-referred to Rules Committee on 3/29/19 | Monitoring | Creates the Health Insurer Claims Assessment Act. <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 | Re-referred to House Rules on 4/12/19 | 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) | On 3/29/19, Re-referred to Rules Committee | Support | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amends the Nurse Practice Act. |

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| | | | | <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) | Re-referred to House Rules on 3/29/19 | Under Legislative Review | <p>House Committee Amendment No. 1:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Managed care exemption; nursing home residents. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, 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 or its successor. |
| HB2488 | Rep. Kathleen Willis (D-77th District; Northlake) Majority Conference Chairperson | Passed House, as amended, 101-0 on 3/28/19 | 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 |

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| | | | | <p>protection issues for life care contracts.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Task Force shall review existing legal frameworks to 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. • H.A.#1 adds that at least 2 providers who hold permits to enter into life care contracts, one of whom shall be a representative of a nonprofit organization exempt from federal income taxes, shall be members of the Task Force. • 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 |
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| | | | | <p>findings to the Governor and General Assembly by December 31, 2020 (H.A.#2 changes the date from 2019 to 2020)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The amendatory Act's provisions are repealed on January 1, 2021 (rather than January 1, 2020 as noted in original bill; H.A.#2). • Effective immediately. |
| HB2637 | Rep. Sara Feigenholtz (D-12th District; Chicago) | Re-referred to Rules Committee on 3/29/19 | 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 living facilities on June 30, 2018. • 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 |

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| | | | | <p>total nursing facility service per diems are updated.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 | On 3/27/19, passed House 112-0. | Support | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amends the Illinois Public Aid Code. • Makes technical changes to specify in provisions concerning provisional eligibility for long-term care services that the Department of Healthcare and Family Services shall adopt rules. • Effective immediately. |
| HB2690 | Rep. Sara Feigenholtz (D-12th District; Chicago) | Re-referred to Rules Committee on 3/29/19 | 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 |

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| | | | | limited to, posting the cost reports on the Department's website. |
| HB3521 | Rep. Emanuel Chris Welch (D-7th District; Westchester) | Re-referred to House Rules on 3/29/19 | 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. • 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. |

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| | | | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. • Effective immediately. |
| SB43 | Sen. David Koehler (D-46th District; Peoria) Assistant Majority Leader | Re-referred to Senate Assignments on 4/12/19 | Support | <p><i>As amended by Senate Committee Amendment #1</i></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 |

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| | | | | <p>Medicaid Services or its successor.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Effective immediately. |
| SB79 | Sen. John Mulroe (D-10th District; Chicago) | Re-referred to Senate Assignments on 4/12/19 | 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 behalf of the resident, and the facility and resident shall be notified of the reinstatement, any informational requests, and the outcome. • 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> | As amended, passed Senate 54-0 on 3/27/19. On 2 nd reading in House on 5/2/19. | Support as amended. | <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. • a facility that houses dementia residents may |

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| | | | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> allow electronic monitoring devices only in rooms that are located in a building that is entirely dedicated to dementia care or that are located in a building that is solely dedicated to dementia care. Effective immediately. |
| SB152 | Sen. Iris Y. Martinez (D-20th District; Chicago) Assistant Majority Leader | Re-referred to Assignments Committee on 3/28 | 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) | Passed Senate 57-0 on 3/13/19. Moves to House. | Support | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Amends the Illinois Public Aid Code. Makes technical changes to specify in provisions concerning provisional eligibility for long-term care services that: (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; |

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| | | | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (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) | Re-referred to Assignments on 3/28/19 | 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 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: • (i) reduce procedural terminations so that no more than 10% of medical assistance beneficiaries who remain eligible for medical assistance |

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| | | | | <p>experience any lapse in contemporaneous medical coverage; and</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (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 benefits under the Children's Health Insurance Program Act. • Contains provisions concerning community-based enrollment and redetermination assistance; the creation of enhanced user permission; and other matters. • Amends the Illinois Public Aid Code. |
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| | | | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. |
| SB2134 | Sen. Jason A. Barickman (R-53rd District; Bloomington) Assistant Republican Leader | Re-referred to Assignments Committee on 3/28 | Support | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amends the Biometric Information Privacy Act. • Deletes language creating a private right of action. • Instead, any violation that results from the collection of biometric information by an employer for employment, human resources, fraud prevention, or security purposes is subject to the enforcement authority of the Department of Labor. • An employee or former employee may file a complaint with the Department alleging a violation, within one year from the date of the violation, by submitting a signed, completed complaint form. |

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| | | | | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Any violation of the Act constitutes a violation of the Consumer Fraud and Deceptive Business Practices Act and may be enforced by the Attorney General.• Makes a corresponding change in the Consumer Fraud and Deceptive Business Practices Act.• Effective immediately. |
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