Illinois Services for Children that Rely on Medicaid: What is at risk?

Child health examinations provided through Medicaid will be at risk, limiting access to physical exams, immunizations, vision and hearing screenings, and more. Because these exams are required for school and childcare, children without them will be unable to enroll or stay in school or childcare, costing schools state per pupil funding.

Medicaid changes could restrict access to private nursing care for eligible children who require nursing services in their home to prevent institutionalization.

Changes to Medicaid will result in fewer children getting tested for lead and receiving nursing services they need.

DHS Family Case Management helps pregnant women and infants with high-risk medical conditions. As an optional program, Illinois could cut this service due to lack of federal funds.

Illinois received $160M from 2016 Special Education Medicaid Matching Funds. Without this, fewer children will receive services they need.

Medicaid Home and Community Based Services Waiver programs are at risk. 6 programs serve children 3 programs waive parental income.

Early Intervention (therapies for children birth to 3 with developmental delays and disabilities) could have to change eligibility requirements or grow waitlists because of insufficient funds.

Adoptive children with special needs could end up without medical and behavioral health services, destabilizing tens of thousands of adoption success cases in Illinois.

1115 Waiver Illinois proposed an 1115 waiver that would support children’s mental health initiatives and home visiting services. With reduced federal Medicaid funds, Illinois can no longer finance these services as planned.