

VOTE YES ON HB 4165 HA1

Do No Harm Healthcare Act

House Sponsors: G. Harris-Gabel-Ford-Flowers-Hernandez-Feigenholtz-Mayfield-

Cassidy-Guzzardi-Soto-Fine-Andrade-Conroy-Ammons-Willis

Problem: Attacks from both Congress and the President continue to threaten the health and well-being of Illinoisans.

These attacks include rolling back consumer protections, cutting benefits, increasing consumer costs, and restricting access to healthcare coverage.

Unless Illinois takes back control of our healthcare from Congress and the President, our citizens will be at risk of continued attacks and health care market costs will keep rising due to uncertainty.

Solution: HB 4165 HA1 would ensure the General Assembly has input in a public process should any Illinois Governor use a federal invitation to reduce healthcare access and treatment. The current process for waivers requires little transparency and even less public input.

The Do No Harm Healthcare Act would require the General Assembly to approve any waivers proposed by the state that would affect coverage under the Affordable Care Act (ACA), State Employee Group Health Insurance, and Medicaid; ensuring that any attempt to restrict access to healthcare is open to public debate, oversight and scrutiny.

HB 4165 HA1 gives the IL General Assembly the power to provide a critical check and balance to stop any attempts to weaken or reduce our healthcare.

Key Components of HB 4165 HA1:

- Prohibits state officials from applying for any federal waiver without legislative approval that would reduce or eliminate any protection or coverage required under the ACA.
- Prohibits the State from applying for any federal waiver without legislative approval that would permit an individual or group health insurance plan to reduce or eliminate any protection or coverage required under the ACA including, but not limited to, any protection for persons with pre-existing conditions.
- Prohibits the State from applying for any waiver of federal Medicaid requirements without legislative approval that would reduce or eliminate any protection or coverage required under the ACA or Medicaid.
- Provides that the State may apply for such a waiver(s) only if granted authorization by the General Assembly through a joint resolution

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Organizational Support

ACA Consumer Advocacy
Access Living
ACLU of Illinois
Action for a Better Tomorrow
AgeOptions
AIDS Foundation of Chicago
AIDS Healthcare Foundation
American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network
American Muslim Health Professionals (AMHP)
Association of Latino/a/xs Motivating Action (ALMA)
Between Friends
CALOR (Comprensión y Apoyo a Latinos en Oposición al Retrovirus)
Champaign County Health Care Consumers
Chicago Citywide Literacy Coalition
Chicago Hispanic Health Coalition
Chicago Metropolitan Battered Women's Network
Chicago Women's AIDS Project
Chicagoland Leadership Council
Children's Home & Aid
Citizen Action/Illinois
Community Behavioral Healthcare Association of Illinois
Disability Resource Center
Don Moss & Associates
Eastern Illinois Foodbank
Easterseals Central Illinois
Erie Family Health Center
Erikson Institute
Esperanza Health Centers
EverThrive Illinois
Family Service and Mental Health Center of Cicero
Friends Who March
Greater Chicago Food Depository
Grupo Salto
Health & Medicine Policy Research Group
Healthcare Rights Coalition
Healthy Illinois Campaign
Heartland Alliance for Human Needs and Human Rights
Housing Action Illinois
Howard Brown Health Center
IL LEND
Illinois Alliance for Retired Americans
Illinois Association for Behavioral Health
Illinois Chapter, American Academy of Pediatrics
Illinois Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights (ICIRR)
Illinois Collaboration on Youth
Illinois Psychiatric Society
Illinois Public Health Association
Inclusion PAC
Indivisible Brookfield
Indivisible II: Districts 6 & 14
Indivisible Illinois
Indivisible Lincoln Square
Indivisible Oak Park Area
Indivisible Peoria Area
Indivisible Rockford, IL
Indivisible South Suburban Chicago
Indivisible Springfield
IPADDUnite.org
KAN-WIN
Lake County Health Department and Community Health Center
League of Women Voters of Illinois
Legal Council for Health Justice
Memorial Behavioral Health
Metropolitan Chicago Breast Cancer Task Force
MFTD Waiver Families
NAMI Chicago
NAMI Illinois
Nancy C. Murphy, Murphy Law
National Association of Social Workers, Illinois
National Council of Jewish Women South Cook Section
National Kidney Foundation of Illinois
NCJW Chicago North Shore
North Side Action & Resistance
Oak-Leyden Developmental Services
OFA Springfield
Open Door Clinic of Greater Elgin
Organizing Neighborhoods for Equality: Northside (ONE Northside)
Pediatric AIDS Chicago Prevention Initiative
Peoria Healthcare Coalition
Planned Parenthood of Illinois
Protect Our Care Illinois Coalition
Reimagine Illinois
Rosecrance Health Network
Sargent Shriver National Center on Poverty Law
Small Business Majority
Springfield Center for Independent Living
The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists-Illinois Section
The Arc of Illinois
The Illinois Assistive Technology Program
The March of Dimes
The Josselyn Center
Thresholds
West Indivisible Suburban Engagement (WISE)
Young Invincibles

*Organizational Support List Updated as of 4/6/2018

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