

+ Preserving the insurance coverage gains under the Affordable Care Act

Completely repealing the Affordable Care Act without an immediate and adequate replacement directly impacts the well-being of both patients and providers. Passing the AHCA, or a similar proposal, would reduce or eliminate coverage for some of the most vulnerable residents of Illinois.

+ Protecting Medicare funding for hospital services

The Medicare Disproportionate Share Hospital (DSH) program provides vital financial support to hospitals that serve the nation's most vulnerable populations, including low-income Medicare beneficiaries, the uninsured and underinsured. This program is vital as community health programs continue to suffer cuts and hospitals become the site of care when social workers, mental health professionals and other service providers are not available in the community.

+ Protecting the Medicaid expansion

The Affordable Care Act provided nearly 650,000 Illinoisans with health insurance through Medicaid expansion. If Congress changes the way Medicaid is structured, there needs to be a feasible replacement. Additionally, the payment cuts to hospitals for Medicaid and Medicare that were included in the ACA should be restored if not implemented.

+ Preserving and growing the 340B Program

Access to the 340B Drug Pricing Program must be preserved and protected. If the 340B Program were to be restricted, economic consequences would be significant and critical services would be reduced at Presence Health hospitals. The loss of the savings associated with the prescriptions in the 340B Program would limit our ability to finance a significant amount of community health services that we currently provide.

+ Expanding telehealth as a valid and appropriately reimbursed method of care delivery

Telehealth must be expanded to help meet Illinois' patient needs. Telehealth is an effective way to provide needed health care services to people in medically underserved areas, especially rural areas and areas where access to specialty care is needed. It is vitally important that we reduce the barriers that prevent individuals from seeking the care they need.