

2017 End of Session Report

This year was the first year of a two year session for the State of Illinois. Aligning Presence Health priorities with our values and KRAs, the system was able to make progress despite the extremely difficult and partisan climate in Illinois state government.

- **Presence Health Sponsors Legislation.** For the first time, Presence Health sponsored legislation to remove the requirement that a licensed health professional be in the room for an entire tele-psychiatry visit in order for the provider to be reimbursed by Medicaid. Representative Bellock and Senator McGuire carried the legislation and we expect Governor Rauner to sign it, increasing our ability to recruit providers and be reimbursed for services.
- **Full Budget with Revenue Finally Approved.** The budget impasse that has been ongoing in Illinois since 2015 was resolved when bipartisan majorities in the General Assembly overrode vetoes of the Governor on a budget, budget implementation and supporting revenue legislation. Key items in the budget package include:
 - Increases the individual income tax rate to 4.95% (from 3.75%) and corporate income tax rate to 7% (from 5.25%), effective July 1, 2017.
 - Authorizes \$36 billion in General Funds spending with 5% across-the-board cuts to most current operations lines.
 - No cuts to Medicaid and fully funds state employee group health insurance.
 - Provides the mechanisms to fund sweep and borrow to pay down \$8 billion in old bills.
 - Authorizes \$750 million in fund-sweep payments to MCOs and authorizes rate increases for supportive living facilities and providers of community care, developmental disability and mental health services.
- **Ongoing Threats to Medicaid.** The efforts to repeal and replace the Affordable Care Act in Washington, DC, which focus largely on cutting Medicaid funding and rolling back coverage expansion, was the background for ongoing changes at the state level.
 - **MCO Oversight.** Hospitals came together to attempt to address operational issues with the MCOs through meetings with the Department of Health and Family Services as well as introduction of legislation. Our issues with MCO's include credentialing for providers, discharge orders, payment delays and claims denials,
 - **Medicaid Managed Care RFP.** Rather than pursuing legislation to address providers' issues with MCO's, the state issued a RFP for new MCO contracts. This RFP will provide MCO coverage statewide and reduce the number of MCOs that will operate in the state in an effort to enable more efficient credentialing and claims processing. Proposals were due June 20 with a decision expected in July. That time frame has been significantly delayed.
 - **New Medicaid Assessment.** Presence Health is actively engaged in the process for creating a new Medicaid assessment that may include additional payment reforms in 2018. These new payment models will likely be a blend of static payments for high volume Medicaid hospitals as well as dynamic payments that encourage movement toward managed care.

Additional Legislative Action. Our advocacy initiatives stem from our Values: Honesty, Oneness, People and Excellence. The following report highlights efforts Presence Health undertook to support policies that align with our values and mission. Legislation no longer under consideration this year is eligible for reconsideration or can be reintroduced next year.

Honesty: Fiscal

The value of honesty is reflected in the stewardship of our ministries, as well as conducting business with integrity and accountability. Fiscal policies are aligned with stewardship to ensure that we can continue providing health care for everyone in the communities we serve.

- **Senate Bills 6 and 42:** Appropriations and budget implementation bills to fully fund the state for fiscal year 2017. Amended to remove proposed cuts to Medicaid.
STATUS: Passed the Senate, remains under consideration in the House.
- **House Bill 173:** Long term acute care facility payments for assessments on occupied bed days will be automatically delayed for any month for which payment for all Medicaid bed days has not been received by a facility.
STATUS: Passed both the House and the Senate, awaits the signature of the Governor.

Oneness: Transformation

The value of oneness is related to growth and evolving emerging technological capabilities and advanced standards of care. Transformation policies help us achieve the goal of collaboration in providing effective holistic care to our patients.

- **Senate Bill 1811:** Updates and consolidates telemedicine definitions in Illinois statute.
STATUS: Passed both the House and the Senate, awaits the signature of the Governor.
- **Senate Bill 2069:** *Sponsored by Presence Health.* Removes requirement that a licensed health care professional be in the room for the entire visit while a Medicaid patient is receiving tele-psychiatry services. *STATUS:* No longer under consideration, held to allow the partner bill, HB 2907, to move forward.
- **House Bill 2907:** *Sponsored by Presence Health.* Removes requirement that a licensed health care professional be in the room for the entire visit while a Medicaid patient is receiving tele-psychiatry services. *STATUS:* Passed both the House and the Senate, awaits the signature of the Governor.
- **House Bill 3375:** *Sponsored by Presence Health.* Telehealth services must be covered by private insurers for patients in mental health professional shortage areas.
STATUS: No longer under consideration, will be further negotiated in the coming year.

People: Common Good

The value of people is expressed through the Presence experience, working with others in our communities to make life better for all. Policies that address the common good are vital to help our communities be healthier and more vibrant. Our efforts complement the community health priorities and focus for the system.

Improving Social, Economic and Structural Determinants of Health

- **House Bill 261:** If a child is homeless or is at risk of becoming homeless, a school district may use transportation funds to provide financial assistance to the student. *STATUS:* Passed both the House and the Senate, awaits the signature of the Governor.
- **House Bill 3060:** Waives fees for birth record searches or certified copies of birth records for homeless persons. *STATUS:* Passed both the House and the Senate, awaits the signature of the Governor.
- **Senate Bill 1704:** Allows victims of human trafficking to apply to vacate certain convictions incurred while he or she was being trafficked. *STATUS:* No longer under consideration.

Improving Mental and Behavioral Health

- **House Bill 370:** Requires schools to post the phone number of the Department of Children and Family Services 24-hour Child Abuse Hotline. *STATUS:* Passed both the House and the Senate, awaits the signature of the Governor.
- **House Bill 1764:** Expands the use of post-partum depression or post-partum psychosis as a mitigating factor in sentencing. *STATUS:* Passed out of the House and a Senate Committee, remains under consideration in the Senate for a floor vote.
- **House Bill 2647:** Implements the recommendations of the Veterans' Suicide Prevention Task Force by expanding outreach and programs to prevent suicide in the veteran population. *STATUS:* Passed both the House and the Senate, awaits the signature of the Governor.
- **House Bill 3161:** Requires the Department of Human Services to create a website to educate the public on heroin and prescription opioid abuse. *STATUS:* Passed both the House and the Senate, awaits the signature of the Governor.

Preventing and Reducing Chronic Disease

- **House Bill 440:** *Opposed by Presence Health.* Removes all physical education requirements for school districts. *STATUS:* Failed to pass out of House Committee.
- **House Bill 1259:** *Opposed by Presence Health.* Reduces the daily physical education requirements for school districts. *STATUS:* Has not been voted on but remains under consideration in the House.
- **House Bill 2993:** Allows school districts to serve students produce grown and harvested by students in school-owned or community gardens. *STATUS:* Passed both the House and the Senate, awaits the signature of the Governor.
- **House Bill 3157:** Requires the identification of food deserts and their impacts in Illinois through an annual report made public by the Department of Public Health. *STATUS:* Passed both the House and the Senate, awaits the signature of the Governor.
- **Senate Bill 31:** The Illinois Trust Act - sets reasonable, constitutional limits on local police interaction with ICE enforcement, and fosters trust between local police and immigrant communities. The legislation creates a bright line between local governments and federal immigration agents, so immigrants can seek help from the police, hospitals, education institutions, and others basic services without worrying that they may be turned over to the federal government or deported. *STATUS:* Passed both the House and the Senate, awaits the signature of the Governor.
- **House Bill 2527:** Allows a non-profit organization to design a high school diploma program for adult learners. *STATUS:* Passed both the House and the Senate, awaits the signature of the Governor.

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Preventing and Reducing Chronic Disease (continued)

- **House Bill 3131:** Requires the Department of Human Services to collect and publicly report statistical data on the racial and ethnic demographics of program participants for each program. *STATUS:* Passed both the House and the Senate, awaits the signature of the Governor.
- **House Bill 3211:** Illinois Student Assistance Commission shall identify and assist college students who are potentially eligible to receive SNAP benefits. *STATUS:* Passed both the House and the Senate, awaits the signature of the Governor.

Excellence: Quality and Safety

The value of excellence depends on policies that increase quality and safety in the delivery of exceptional health care. Policies related to excellence are critical to delivering health care that is advanced, safe and cost-efficient.

- **House Bill 679:** Requires the Department of Public Health to develop an informational brochure on meningococcal disease. *STATUS:* Passed both the House and the Senate, awaits the signature of the Governor
- **House Resolution 283:** Recognizes the dangers of sepsis and encourages participation in the Illinois Sepsis Challenge 5K in order to bring increased awareness to the danger of sepsis. *STATUS:* Resolution adopted.
- **House Joint Resolution 54:** Creates a joint Legislative Cancer Caucus to discuss and evaluate public policies affecting cancer research, treatment, education, and prevention efforts. *STATUS:* Passed out of the House, awaits a vote in the Senate.

Community Benefit filed with the Attorney General

Presence Health submitted its annual report to the Attorney General on our community benefit. While this year's numbers decreased, we provided \$160 million to the community and met all our state obligations.

THANK YOU for Sharing Your Voice

As a part of the Presence Health family, this past year you took action and shared your expertise to increase the health of our communities. You made a difference! Your engagement had tangible results including:

- Preventing a repeal of the Affordable Care Act by Congress without a proposed replacement.
- Slowing down the passage of the American Health Care Act in the U.S. House, likely resulting in a very different proposal from the Senate.
- Protecting Medicaid from devastating cuts in the State of Illinois budget.
- Preventing medical fee reductions under the Illinois Workers' Compensation Program.
- Passing legislation to increase access to tele-psychiatry.