

February Advocacy Update

- Bipartisan Budget Deal
- 2018 Legislative Agenda
- Hospital Assessment
- Associate Engagement
- Guest Speakers – Sen Toi Hutchison and Rep Patti Bellock

February 12, 2018

Updates since our last meeting

- **Federal government shuts down twice and then opens again**
- **CHIP re-authorized for four years**
- **City of Chicago passes Presence Health TIF**
- **State of the Union and State of the State Addresses**
- **Negotiations around hospital assessment continue**
- **Springfield back in session**

Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018

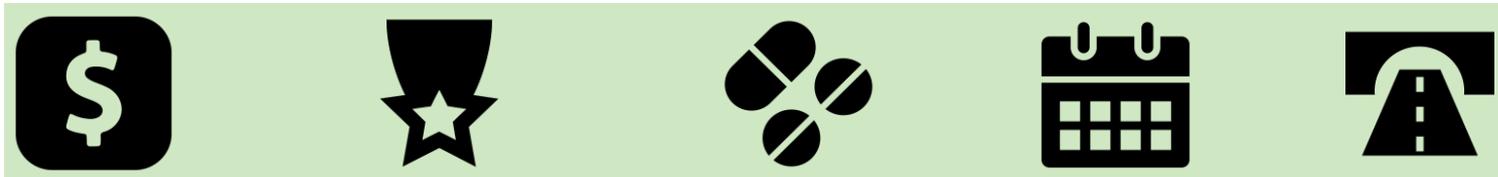


Increases defense discretionary spending cap by \$80 billion in FY18 and \$85 billion in FY19

Extends CHIP funding for four years and reauthorizes community health centers for two years

Funds government through March 23 to give Congress time to deal with appropriations

Provides \$90 billion in emergency funding for Puerto Rico, Florida and Texas



Fully repeals sequestration for nondefense spending

Provides \$4 billion over two years to address claims at Veterans Affairs

Authorizes \$6 billion over two years to address the opioid crisis

Suspends debt ceiling until March 1, 2019

Allocates \$20 billion to infrastructure spending

Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018

While the focus is on the government shutdown and debt ceiling, this was, in fact, a major healthcare bill including:

- Postpones the \$5 billion, FY 2018 and FY 2019 **Medicaid DSH** payment reductions.
- Repeals the ACA's **Independent Payment Advisory Board** (IPAB).
- **Extends expiring Medicare programs**, including funding for federally qualified health centers, a permanent repeal of the Medicare payment cap for therapy services and a permanent extension of special needs plans (SNPs) in Medicare Advantage
- Includes **four more years of CHIP** funding to the six year reauthorization a month ago.
- Adds more than **\$46 billion** to support NIH research, combat opioids and support mental health programs and 2 years of funding for community health centers among other initiatives
- Removes a requirement that **HIT meaningful use standards** be more stringent over time
- Includes \$6 billion for **mental health services**, including support for opioid addiction treatment.
- Provides **transitional payment for infusion providers** for clinical services starting on 1/1/19 through 12/31/20.
- Makes changes to the **physician payment Merit-based Incentive Payment System**

2018 in Washington, DC

1. Defend Against Medicaid Cuts

- With the tax bill and spending plans, Congress will want to cut somewhere

2. Protect the 340B Drug Discount Program

- Restore cuts and work with Congressional leaders on favorable structural reforms

3. Support Increased Access

- Continue to realize coverage gains from the ACA, Medicare Advantage and other critical programs

4. Modernize Care Delivery

- Support efforts to expand Telehealth services and community access points

5. Promote Regulatory Relief

- Work with the AHA and CMS to identify opportunities to reduce the regulatory burden

2018 in Springfield

1. Protect Medicaid

- It is critical to protect the expansion of Medicaid and essential funding

2. Improve MCO Oversight

- Need to increase oversight to ensure transparency, accuracy, efficiency and accountability

3. Increase Access to Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services

- Remove regulatory burdens to create new access points and ensure that physical and behavioral health services can be co-located to improve outcomes

4. Expand Telehealth

- Remove barriers to allow providers to use telehealth to deliver clinically appropriate care where the patient wants to receive care, and equitably reimburse providers for that service

5. Pass a Budget

- Support bi-partisan budget negotiations to allow Illinois to pay for essential services and stay on the road to fiscal recovery

Assessment Update

- The Illinois Health and Hospital Association (IHA) has been making significant progress in the last week towards finalizing the redesign of the Illinois Hospital Assessment Program.
- Amendments with draft language have been filed to Senate Bill 1773 and an initial House committee vote on the new model is expected tomorrow morning in Springfield.
- Presence Health supports the current proposal and the advocacy team will be reaching out to educate elected officials asking them to preserve \$3.5 billion in annual Medicaid funding for the state.
- The new model takes several important steps forward to ensure that payment is following the patient by:
 - increasing the inpatient and outpatient (rates) to reflect more services being provided in the outpatient setting,
 - adjusting tiers based on the amount of Medicaid provided, and
 - increasing the Upper Payment Limit to draw down additional federal funding.
- The legislation currently contains language providing a “bridge” that will assure funding will continue until Illinois receives CMS approval for the new model.
- The legislation also contains much-needed additional oversight of Medicaid Managed Care Organizations.

The Presence Health TIF

- The City Council voted in support of the Presence Health TIF proposal.
- Alderman Harris and Alderman Hopkins joined passionate community voices, including UNITE HERE, the Susan G. Komen Foundation and the West Side Ministers Association to support the work of Presence Health in their communities.
- The next step is to complete the renovation of the PMG medical home in Calumet Heights

November 14, 2017

Presence Health in line for \$5.5 million TIF subsidy

By DANNY ECKER |  

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Presence Health moved its headquarters to 200 S. Wacker Drive in 2013.

Illinois' largest Catholic health system is in line to receive \$5.5 million in tax dollars designed to fight urban blight, part of a deal struck four years ago with the city of Chicago to locate its headquarters downtown.

Presence Health, which set up its corporate home at 200 S. Wacker Drive in 2013, won approval today from a city Planning & Development Department panel for the tax-increment financing funds from a TIF district that includes much of the Loop.

In an unusual deal that uses Loop property tax proceeds as a bargaining chip to benefit blighted neighborhoods, the tax subsidy **was an incentive** for Presence to locate its headquarters downtown after it was formed in 2011 as a merger of Chicago-based Resurrection Health Care and Mokena-based Provena Health.

In exchange, Presence committed to spending \$15.5 million to build or redevelop four community care centers in underserved areas, according to a staff report from the Community Development Commission, a

unit of the Planning Department that is evaluating the TIF request.



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Emanuel: "I'm the only Jewish mayor for Catholic hospitals" because they make sure that people in every neighborhood have health care that "every one of us takes for granted."



Cardinal Cupich ✓

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Health care is a human right and we support Catholic health institutions that provide millions of dollars of free and reduced fee care to tens of thousands throughout the Chicagoland area every year.

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Oppose 340B Cuts

Support Tobacco 21

Support DACA

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Health care is ever-changing. It can have dramatic impacts on the delivery of care and impact the communities we serve. Click here to follow this issue or any that interest you.

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Please Welcome Rep. Patti Bellock and Sen. Toi Hutchinson!



Next Call: March 12, 2018 @ 3:00 PM

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