This year was the second 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 have an impact on key healthcare policy that developed over this session.

**Presence Health Sponsors Legislation.**
Rainbow Hospice Chief Medical Officer Dr. Tim McCurry identified a loophole in the law governing pharmaceutical disposal of liquid medications. Together, we were able to allow nurses and law enforcement to properly dispose of these dangerous drugs. This law will support families dealing with recent losses, and protect our communities from dangerous drugs that might be left at a patient’s home without proper disposal.

Presence Health continued to lead on telehealth introducing two bills to expand providers who can use telehealth, and include licensed dietitian nutritionists and certified diabetic educators under existing telehealth insurance coverage for seniors in their homes. We expect Governor Rauner to sign all three measures in the coming months.

**Hospital Assessment Program**
Presence Health was active with the Illinois Health and Hospital Association (IHA) effort to re-design the $3.5 billion hospital assessment program. The program is set to sunset on June 30, 2018. Federal CMS would not extend the current payment system so the hospital assessment program needed to be re-negotiated. The state received approval on June 22, 2018 for the new assessment program and is working toward implementation as of July 1, 2018, or shortly thereafter.
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Full Budget Approved
The General Assembly overwhelmingly approved an FY19 budget bringing to an end to several years of partisanship related to the State’s finances. The Governor announced he would quickly sign the $80 billion budget and implementation bills. This budget did not include the Governor’s proposed 4% across-the-board cut to Medicaid.

Omnibus Medicaid Legislation
The General Assembly approved omnibus legislation that addressed a wide variety of Medicaid issues that arose over the last year. Specific to hospitals, the legislation guarantees funding for safety-net hospitals in the event that neither the new assessment, nor the bridge, are approved by July 1st.

Workplace Safety
Presence Health was able to provide expert insights on legislation that requires additional training for Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners and increased requirements for the transport of justice-involved persons to healthcare facilities. There were implementation concerns around both of these bills as they were introduced; however, we were able to mitigate the impacts while still improving the quality of treatment for our patients and a safe work environment for our employees.

Additional Legislative Action
Our advocacy initiatives stem from our values and align in these four areas: Fiscal, Transformation, Common Good, and Quality & Safety. The following report highlights forty-nine other bills Presence Health supported to advance policies that align with our values and mission to provide high-quality, compassionate care.
Senate Bill 1573: 2018 Hospital assessment redesign legislation relating to contracts between the Department of Healthcare and Family Services (DHFS) and Managed Care Organizations (MCO). STATUS: Public Act as of March 12, 2018.

Senate Bill 1773: 2018 Hospital assessment redesign legislation including but not limited to payments to facilities, payment methodologies, licensing of facilities, and developing a hospital transformation program. STATUS: Public Act as of March 12, 2018.

Senate Bill 2189: Opposed by Presence Health. Requires the Department of Healthcare and Family Services to establish a Medicaid Smart Card Pilot Program designed to reduce the average monthly cost under the State's Medical Assistance Program for recipients. STATUS: Bill is no longer under consideration.

House Bill 5351: Sponsored by Presence Health. Provides that if an individual or group insurance policy covers telehealth services, it shall also provide coverage for licensed dietitians, nutritionists, and diabetes educators who counsel senior diabetes patients in the patients' homes via telehealth. STATUS: Public Act as of January 1, 2019.

Senate Bill 2446: Requires the Department of Healthcare and Family Services to reimburse psychiatrists and federally qualified health centers for mental health services provided by advanced practice registered nurses certified in psychiatric and mental health nursing to medical assistance recipients via telepsychiatry. STATUS: Public Act as of August 10, 2018.

Senate Bill 2587: Updates the Telehealth Act so that “health care professionals” includes dentists. STATUS: Public Act as of January 1, 2019.

Senate Bill 3049: Expands the qualified healthcare professionals who may be reimbursed by Medicaid for telehealth services. STATUS: Public Act as of January 1, 2019.
COMMON GOOD LEGISLATION

Improving Social, Economic and Structural Determinants of Health

**Housing**

**House Bill 681:** Allows the taxpayer’s household income to be reduced by any amounts paid as Medicare premiums when determining qualification for the Senior Citizens Assessment Freeze Homestead Exemption. **STATUS:** Bill is no longer under consideration.

**Senate Bill 2431:** Veterans with disabilities who receive a property tax homestead exemption will need not to reapply if they have been found by the Department of Veterans’ Affairs to be permanently and totally disabled. **STATUS:** Bill is no longer under consideration.

**Senate Bill 2890:** Requires the Department of Public Health to publish on its website a list of each residential property and commercial property subject to a mitigation order requiring lead abatement. **STATUS:** Bill is no longer under consideration.

**Senate Bill 2996:** Updates the Lead Poisoning Prevention Act to change the definition of “elevated blood lead level” to align with CDC guidelines. **STATUS:** Public Act as of January 1, 2019.

**Senate Bill 3103:** Prohibits landlords from intimidating, harassing, or evict a tenant on the basis of a person’s immigration or citizenship status. **STATUS:** Vetoed by the Governor.

**Workforce Training**

**Senate Bill 3232:** Creates a 5-year demonstration project to provide an intensive workforce training program for entry level workers and multi-generational healthy family initiative. **STATUS:** Public Act as of January 1, 2019.
**Immigration**

**Senate Bill 35**: Provides that the Attorney General shall publish model policies limiting assistance with immigration enforcement ensuring that the following facilities remain safe and accessible to all residents of this State, regardless of immigration status: (1) State-funded schools; (2) State-funded medical treatment and health care facilities; (3) public libraries; (4) facilities operated by the Office of the Secretary of State; and (5) courts in this State. **STATUS**: Vetoed by the Governor.

**Senate Bill 3109**: The Department of Financial and Professional Regulation shall allow an applicant to provide his or her individual taxpayer identification number as an alternative to providing a social security number when applying for a license, regardless of immigration status. **STATUS**: Public Act as of January 1, 2019.

**Violence Prevention & Safety**

**Senate Bill 1704**: Allows victims of human trafficking to apply to vacate certain convictions incurred while he or she was being trafficked. **STATUS**: Bill is no longer under consideration.

**Senate Bill 2461**: The Department of Children and Family Services shall develop, within the agency or with external partners, specialized placements for youth in the Department’s care who are victims of sex trafficking. **STATUS**: Public Act as of January 1, 2019.
COMMON GOOD LEGISLATION

Improving Mental and Behavioral Health

House Bill 1464: Provides that if the court reasonably believes that a pre-trial detainee will give birth while in custody, the court shall order an alternative to custody. STATUS: Public Act as of January 1, 2019.

House Bill 4331: Provides that in every case in which an opioid overdose is determined to be a contributing factor in a death, the coroner shall report the death and the age, gender, race, and county of residence, if known, of the deceased to the Department of Public Health. STATUS: Bill is no longer under consideration.

House Bill 5109: Creates a loan repayment program for eligible mental health and substance use professionals practicing in a community mental health center in an under served or rural federally designated Mental Health Professional Shortage Area. STATUS: Public Act as of January 1, 2019.

House Resolution 683: Designates February 5-9, 2018 as National School Counseling Week. STATUS: Resolution adopted.

Senate Bill 1707: Requires both commercial insurers and Medicaid managed care organizations to submit detailed analyses in order to demonstrate compliance with the Illinois parity law and the Federal Parity Act. STATUS: Public Act as of January 1, 2019.
**COMMON GOOD LEGISLATION**

**Improving Mental and Behavioral Health**

**Senate Bill 2951:** Starts a pilot program under which a qualifying adolescent may receive community-based mental health treatment from a youth-focused community support team. **STATUS:** Public Act as of August 21, 2018.

**Senate Bill 3023:** Allows a law enforcement agency to establish a program to facilitate contact between a person and a licensed substance abuse treatment provider for assessment and coordination of treatment. **STATUS:** Public Act as of January 1, 2019.

**Senate Bill 3117:** Requires the Department of Human Services to develop and maintain an online registry for recovery residences that operate in Illinois to serve as a referral resource. **STATUS:** Referred to Rules Committee in the House, no longer under consideration.

**Senate Resolution 994:** Declares April of 2018 as Prevent Child Abuse America Month in the State of Illinois. **STATUS:** Resolution adopted.

**Senate Resolution 1371:** Declares the month of March of 2018 as Social Work Month in the State of Illinois. **STATUS:** Resolution adopted.

**Senate Joint Resolution 50:** Declares domestic violence a public health priority for the State of Illinois and urges the state to make available all necessary resources to combat this epidemic. **STATUS:** Resolution is no longer under consideration.
COMMON GOOD LEGISLATION

Preventing and Reducing Chronic Disease

*Food Access*

**House Bill 4568:** Amends the Illinois Public Aid Code to delete language repealing the Healthy Local Food Incentives Program on June 30, 2019. 
**STATUS:** Public Act as of January 1, 2019.

**Senate Bill 2428:** Provides that every school in this State shall provide a federally reimbursable lunch to a student of that school who requests the lunch, regardless of ability to pay or money owed for previous lunches.  
**STATUS:** Public Act as of August 26, 2018.

**Senate Bill 2588:** Amends the Illinois Public Aid Code to delete language repealing the Healthy Local Food Incentives Program on June 30, 2019.  
**STATUS:** Bill is no longer under consideration.

**Senate Bill 2606:** Provides that each State agency entering into or maintaining a contract for the purchase of food under the Code shall adopt a policy that permits the donation of leftover food procured by State funds.  
**STATUS:** Public Act as of August 3, 2018.

**Senate Bill 2868:** Creates an income tax checkoff for contributions to the Hunger Relief Fund.  
**STATUS:** Public Act as of January 1, 2019.

*General Prevention*

**House Bill 4685:** Provides students are allowed to possess and use sunscreen while on school property or school-sponsored event without a prescription.  
**STATUS:** Bill is no longer under consideration.
General Prevention
House Bill 5745: Provides that any nursing mother shall be excused from jury service upon request. STATUS: Public Act as of January 1, 2019.

Senate Bill 2332: Raises the age for whom tobacco products, electronic cigarettes, and alternative nicotine products may be sold from at least 18 years of age to at least 21 years of age. STATUS: Vetoed by the Governor.

Senate Bill 2572: Amends the School Code to allow a school board to determine the schedule or frequency of physical education courses, provided that there is a minimum of 150 minutes of physical education per week. STATUS: Vetoed by the Governor.

Senate Bill 3115: Changes and increases to Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program based on the federal poverty guidelines. STATUS: Passed both the House and the Senate, awaits the signature of the Governor.

Senate Resolution 1153: Urges the U.S. Congress to support funding for the research of Lyme disease and to promote awareness of the disease. STATUS: Resolution adopted.

Senate Resolution 1369: Designates the month of October as Eczema Awareness Month. STATUS: Resolution adopted.

Senate Resolution 1408: Declares March 1-7, 2018 as KCNQ2 Encephalopathy Awareness Week. STATUS: Resolution adopted.

Senate Resolution 1419: Declares March of 2018 as "Endometriosis Awareness Month" in the State of Illinois. STATUS: Resolution adopted.
Providing Access to Care And Services

**Senate Bill 2429:** Provides dental services to an adult who is otherwise eligible for assistance under the medical assistance program. **STATUS:** Bill is no longer under consideration.

**House Bill 4281:** Provides that at least once every 2 years, a school board shall conduct an in-service training program for all personnel on the identification of the signs of homelessness in adolescents and teens and shall be taught appropriate referral techniques. **STATUS:** Bill is no longer under consideration.

**House Bill 4821:** No individual or group policy insurance shall limit or exclude coverage for a drug to treat stage 4 advanced metastatic cancer. **STATUS:** Public Act as of January 1, 2019.

**House Bill 4392:** Requires providers of mammography services to notify patients whose mammogram demonstrates dense breast tissue. **STATUS:** Public Act as of January 1, 2019.
House Bill 1338: **Sponsored by Presence Health.** Updates the Safe Pharmaceutical Disposal Act to provide that “unused medication” includes liquid form(s). **STATUS:** Public Act as of January 1, 2019.

House Bill 4440: Provides that the Department of Public Health shall provide nursing home facilities with educational information on all vaccines recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices. **STATUS:** Public Act as of January 1, 2019.

House Resolution 759: Urges all citizens to visit "cancerscreenweek.org" for cancer screening resources and to talk to their healthcare providers about their risk factors for all cancer types and recommended screening options. Declares the first week of December of 2018 as "Cancer Screen Week." **STATUS:** Resolution adopted.

Senate Bill 2226: Protects healthcare professionals who prescribe epinephrine auto-injectors to law enforcement from incurring civil or professional liability. **STATUS:** Public Act as of July 31, 2018.

Senate Bill 3532: Creates the Sepsis Review Task Force. **STATUS:** Public Act as of August 26, 2018.
Our public policy priorities are aligned in four key areas to achieve our business and mission goals – protecting our fiscal position, addressing our communities' health, transforming health care delivery, and ensuring the highest quality and safety for our patients.

**Bills Supported**
- Fiscal: 15 (+6 Increase)
- Health Care Transformation: 5 (+2 Increase)
- Community Health: 38 (+17 Increase)
- Quality & Safety: 6 (+6 Increase)

**2018 By the Numbers**
- Our advocacy team reviewed 3,946 Bills and identified 64 Bills where Presence Health was able to make a difference. 49 Bills became law, impacting millions of patients in Illinois.
- Our leaders and associates joined 12 advocacy calls, sent 855 messages to elected officials, participated in 426 advocacy meetings, and 5,478 became new Advocacy Hub users.

**Effectiveness Score**
- 160
- 82% Increase Year-Over-Year

The effectiveness of our advocacy efforts are evaluated using weighted criteria:
1) Impact the policy has on priorities
2) Effort invested in policy process
3) Policy Outcome

2017 is our baseline year. The effectiveness score for 2017 was 88.

Join our efforts by visiting advocacy.presencehealth.org