

ADVOCACY UPDATE

September 9, 2019

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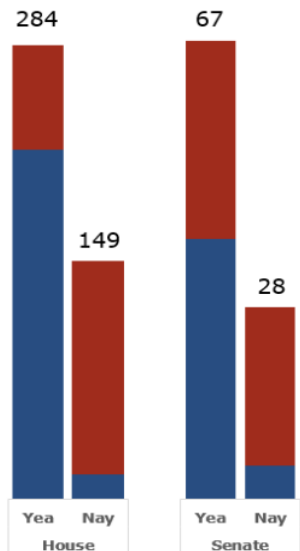
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What's New?

- Congress back in DC
- Springfield Veto Session
- Budget hole for the City of Chicago

In Washington . . .

Congress passed a budget deal to suspend the debt ceiling and increase budgets caps through 2021



Debt Ceiling

- Suspends the debt ceiling until the end of **July 2021**
- Congress faced a September deadline to raise the debt ceiling



Budget Caps

- Raises the maximum amount to be budgeted (budget caps) for FY2020 and FY2021 to **\$1.288 trillion** and **\$1.298 trillion**, respectively
- As a result of the 2011 budget agreement, the budget caps were supposed to decrease by \$90 billion in both FY2020 and FY2021 (sequestration) - but will now increase



Costs

- The Center for Responsible budget estimates the bill could add **\$1.7 trillion** to the deficit over the next 10 years
- The bill includes \$77 billion in cuts and revenue-raisers to help offset increased spending



To do:

- Congress must still **appropriate funds for FY2020** by 9/30/19
- The House has passed 10/12 bills but the Senate has passed zero.

In Washington . . .

Surprise Billing

- House Energy and Commerce Committee passed HR3630 provides an **arbitration backstop** to appeal federal benchmark payment
- House Ways and Means, and House Education and Labor working on own bills
- Similar compromises in the works in Senate HELP Committee

Substance Use Disorder and Integration of Care – **take action!**

- Overdose Prevention and Patient Safety Act (HR2062) and Jessica Grubbs Legacy Act (S1012)
- Administration released long-awaited proposed rule to improve care coordination
 - Allows non-Part 2 providers to record SUD information, but data must be segregated
 - Patients can consent to disclosure to organizations without a treating provider relationship and without specifying a specific person
 - Providers who orally receive a protected SUD record from a Part 2 program can subsequently engage in an independent conversation with their patient
 - Allows non-opioid treatment program providers to disclose to central registries and PDMPs

In Springfield ...

591 new laws signed by Governor Pritzker

Changes to CON law including:

- Requires a CON, rather than a certificate of exemption (COE), to close a healthcare facility
- Caps the number of discontinuations of a category of service that a hospital may make to once in a six-month period
- Extends the publication of notice period of a completed change of ownership (CHOW) application from one day to three consecutive days in a local newspaper
- Codifies into statute that the HFSRB may defer an application to close a healthcare facility if there is pending litigation

Gaming and Recreational Cannabis in Veto Session + possibly:

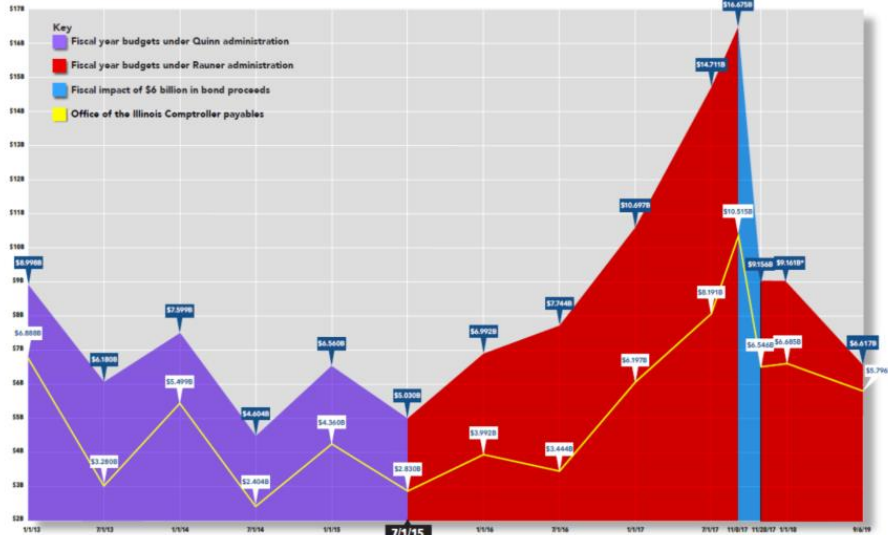
- Ethylene Oxide
- Phase Two of Hospital Assessment
- Capital Bill Additions
- Nurse Staffing Ratios



State Payment Update

BACKLOG VOUCHER REPORT (BVR)

Illinois General Funds backlog over time (includes estimates of state agencies' held bills)



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All dates as of 8 am. Sources: Office of the Comptroller's End-of-Day Balance Tables. *Adjusted backlog based on Debt Transparency Report agency submissions. BBs are not processed on non-business days or state holidays. Debt Transparency Report Summary and Agency Submissions.

As of 8:00 AM
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ESTIMATED GENERAL FUNDS PAYABLE BACKLOG

The backlog includes what is currently at the Comptroller's Office and the estimated \$0.821 billion with state agencies.

\$6,617,290,232.28

VOUCHERS BACKLOGGED

Includes vouchers and transfers to other state funds.

67,857

City of Chicago & Cook County



Ambassadors in Action



**NEXT CALL: OCTOBER 14, 2019
2:00 PM**