

# Support HB6253, HA#1: A New Medicaid Opportunity for Illinois

**HB6253, HA#1** would allow for 342,000 low-income adults in Illinois to be newly eligible for and enrolled in Medicaid over the next four years. Coverage for those who enroll would start on Jan 1, 2014. Enrollment starts Oct 2013.

**HB6253, HA#1** includes language that would cease coverage for this new population if the federal government's share of Medicaid matching funds drops below 90%. The federal government pays 100% of the costs of the newly eligible from 2014 through 2016.

## Who are the newly eligible?

- Of the 1.7 million uninsured Illinois residents, approximately 342,000 people would be newly eligible for Medicaid.
- Over 60% of those newly eligible are employed, but work at low-wage or part-time jobs that do not offer affordable coverage.

## Why is it important for Illinois pass this legislation?

- Through 2016, this legislation will bring an estimated \$4.6 billion into Illinois in Medicaid provider payments for the newly eligible adults, with no net state costs for their health care.
- Access to low-cost preventive and maintenance medical care through a medical home will help to keep individuals out of costly emergency rooms.
- Coverage for this newly eligible population is required by federal law.

## How much would this cost Illinois?

- "New Medicaid" would be paid for 100% by the federal government, from 2014 – 2016, replacing GRF and local government funds currently spent on this population and reducing the uncompensated care costs shifted to public and private payers.
- The Kaiser Family Foundation estimates that total uncompensated care in Illinois would decline by approximately \$953 million from 2013-2022.
- Illinois would receive federal funds to pay for mental health and other services that are currently only state-funded.
- Townships and general assistance units would be relieved from paying some of the bills of general assistance recipients who are uninsured.

**SUPPORT HB6253, HA#1 TODAY!**

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## Organizations supporting HB6253, HA#1 (last updated 1/2/12)

Illinois Hospital Association  
AARP Illinois  
Access Living  
Aetna  
AFC-Community Development Corporation  
Age Options  
AIDS Foundation of Chicago  
AIDS Legal Council of Chicago  
Alexian Brothers AIDS Ministry  
Alexian Brothers Center for Mental Health  
Alzheimer Association Illinois Chapter Network  
American Nurses Association Illinois  
Areas of Aging (Northwestern, Western and Northeastern Illinois)  
Asian American Institute, Member of AACAJ  
Asian Health Coalition of Illinois  
Asian Human Services  
Asian Human Services Family Health Center  
Association of Community Mental Health Authorities of Illinois  
Association House of Chicago  
BJC Healthcare  
BlueCross BlueShield of Illinois  
Campaign for Better Healthcare  
Center for Housing and Health  
Center on Halsted  
Champaign County Health Care Consumers  
Chestnut Health Systems  
Chicago Alliance to End Homelessness  
Chicago House and Social Service Agency  
Chicago Women's AIDS Project  
Citizen Action Illinois  
CJE SeniorLife  
Community Behavioral Healthcare Association Illinois  
Community Counseling Centers of Chicago  
Community Elements  
Connect 2 Protect  
Cook County Commissioner Larry Suffredin  
Corporation for Supportive Housing  
Doctors Council SEIU  
Dr. Art Jones  
DuPage County Health Department  
Ecker Center for Mental Health  
Equip for Equality  
Erie Family Health Center  
Families and Children's Network (FCAN)  
Family Services SRC  
Family Voices of Illinois/The Arc of Illinois  
Family to Family  
Grand Prairie Services  
Haymarket Center  
Health Alliance Medical Plans  
Health and Disability Advocates  
Health and Medicine Policy Research Group  
Health Information Center  
Healthcare Alternative Systems  
Healthcare Consortium of Illinois  
Heartland Alliance for Human Needs and Human Rights  
Heritage Behavioral Health Center  
Housing Opportunities for Women  
Howard Brown Health Center  
Human Resources Development Institute, Inc  
Illinicare Health Plan  
Illinois Academy of Family Physicians  
Illinois Action for Children  
Illinois Alcoholism and Drug Dependence Association  
Illinois Alliance for Retired Americans  
Illinois Assistive Technology Program  
Illinois Association of Area Agencies on Aging  
Illinois Association of Public Health Administrators  
Illinois Association of Rehabilitation Facilities  
Illinois Chapter, American Academy of Pediatrics  
Illinois Citizens for Better Care  
Illinois Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights  
Illinois Collaboration on Youth  
Illinois Maternal and Child Health Coalition  
Illinois Network of Centers for Independent Living  
Illinois Partners for Human Service  
Illinois Primary Health Care Association  
Illinois Psychological Association  
Illinois Public Health Association  
Illinois Retail Merchants Association (IRMA)  
Illinois Society for Advanced Practice Nursing  
Independence Center

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Indian American Medical Association Charitable Foundation  
Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago  
La Rabida Children's Hospital  
Lake County Health Department  
Latino Policy Forum  
Lurie Children's Hospital  
Lutheran Social Services of Illinois  
Maine Center, Inc.  
March of Dimes  
Men & Women in Prison Ministries  
Mental Health America of Illinois  
Mental Health Summit  
Meridian Health Plan of Illinois  
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Metropolitan Asian Family Services  
Metropolitan Chicago Breast Cancer Task Force  
Metropolitan Family Services  
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NAMI of Greater Chicago  
NAMI of Illinois  
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National Association of Social Workers IL Chapter  
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National Kidney Foundation of Illinois  
New Foundation Center  
Next Steps- NFP  
Northern Illinois Public Health Consortium  
Northwestern Illinois Center for Independent Living  
Northwestern Memorial HealthCare  
Organization of the NorthEast (ONE)  
Ounce of Prevention Fund  
Pediatric AIDS Chicago Prevention Initiative

Planned Parenthood of Illinois  
Prairie Center  
Presence Health  
Progressive Action for the Common Good  
Project IRENE  
Protestants for the Common Good  
Respiratory Health Association  
Roosevelt University's Illinois Consortium on Drug Policy  
Rosecrance  
Sacred Creations  
Sargent Shriver National Center on Poverty Law  
SEIU Healthcare Illinois Indiana  
SEIU Illinois Council  
SEIU Local 73  
Sinai Health System  
South Asian American Policy & Research Institute  
Southwest Organizing Project (SWOP)  
Statewide Independent Living Council  
Supportive Housing Providers Association  
TASC, Inc.  
The Arc of Illinois  
The South Suburban Council on Alcoholism and Substance Abuse  
Thresholds  
Township Officials of Illinois  
Trilogy  
Turning Point Behavioral Health Care Center  
UCB Pharma  
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University of Illinois Hospital & Health Sciences System  
Vermilion County 708 Mental Health Board  
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