



1. Legislative Overview

- a. This week was busy with negotiation and many House Bills moving through committees. Senate Insurance was not scheduled this week, and most of our work was in the House this week. Tuesday was the Illinois Primary, with historically low voter turnout. The House and Session were held on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday of this week.

2. Bills in Committee

a. House Insurance (March 20)

i. Bills Heard:

1. **HB 2472- Adverse Determination-** The Department stated that this bill was complementary (not in conflict) to the Governor's package. The bill passed on leave.
2. **HB 4562- Cancer Genetic Testing-** ILHIC was opposed to the underlying bill and amendment. The Amendment was adopted which included no cost sharing, which was not the agreement of a 50-dollar cap placed on genetic tests. Before the Committee, Komen said they were going to amend the language to mirror SB 2697 and the bill would come back to committee. They also intended to include Medicaid in the following amendment.
3. **HB 5643- Pregnancy Testing Mandate-** This bill passed on leave. HFS is looking into whether they can include this mandate in the public aid code as well.
4. **HB 5317- Dental Care Electronic Billing-** This bill passed on leave. As a reminder, this bill states that no dental plan carrier is required to accept from a dental care provider eligibility for a dental plan transaction or dental care claims.

b. House Healthcare Availability and Access (March 20)

- i. No bills were heard in Committee. The Committee gavelled in and out.

c. House Human Services (March 21)

i. HB 5396- Governor's Healthcare Bill

1. Emily Miller with the Governor's Office testified and stated that she is having fruitful conversations with the industry and there will be an amendment that will come back to committee that will:

- a. Concurrent review process with in patient mental healthcare.
- b. Aligning Medicaid with larger portions of the bill.
- c. Technical changes.
- ii. Laura Minzer testified stating that the Council is grateful for the extensive conversation on the language. Laura stated that the Council would not be supportive or neutral with large group and the STLD/ Excepted benefits language.
- iii. Leader Haas asked why more is not included or incorporated in Medicaid. Emily Miller stated that the amendment will include more incorporation of Medicaid.
- iv. Leader Hammond asked how the Department would determine rate schedules? The Department responded that they want the same authority that they have with individual and small group. She assured the committee that no consumer would lose coverage. Finally, Joanna Coll from the Department stated that this bill would establish savings to the consumer.
- v. Rep. Lapointe (who was running the meeting for Rep. Moeller) stated that we need more front-end solutions like this bill. We need to also help with reimbursement rates for mental health professionals. My bill (HB 4475) is connected to this to help solve the health problem with front end solutions.
- vi. The bill passed on partisan leave.

d. House Judiciary- Civil (March 21)

- i. No ILHIC tracked bills were called

e. House Public Health (March 22)

- i. Public Health was cancelled.

f. House Mental Health and Addiction (March 22)

- i. The mental health and addiction committee will not hear HB 4475 today, but the Sponsor does intend to call the bill when the House returns to meet the committee deadline. We are meeting with the stakeholder and sponsors to discuss the language at 10:30 today. We are still far from agreed language, but sorting out and finding middle ground where we can, including credentialing timelines. Our largest battle will be the reimbursement rates in statute, which is a passionate stance from both the stakeholders as well as the Sponsor.

3. Meetings/ Items of Note

a. Meeting with the Governor's Office on HB 5395

- i. Thank you to all who provided a quick turnaround on feedback that we provided to the Governor's Office. The Governor's Office was open to the telehealth piece in NATA. Open to the communication piece in the NATA confidentiality. They were open to the idea of including a login for specific directories. They are looking to narrow step therapy. They don't like the 24 hours for review, but it's a starting point. The Gov's office is going to take the information back and get back to the Council.

b. DLR Bill

- i. SB 3305 got an extension. Senator Fine is going to use that bill for a vehicle for a health insurance issue related to coverage of replacement of teeth when a jaw is damaged due to an accident or disease.

c. HB 4472 PDAB bill

- i. Leader Manley convened a stakeholder conversation on Hb 4472, which is nicknamed the PDAB Bill. We were one of many stakeholders bringing our concerns to the table. We did express our concerns, and we are unsure what the next steps are, but will keep members in the loop. This is one of Syed's priorities this year. We expect further negotiations over Spring Break.

4. Next Week

- a. Next week is Spring Break! The House and Senate are out. We will not be holding our Friday Legislative Call or Monday Standing Health Call. However, we will keep you updated on any pressing issues through the week. For the Health Call, we currently do not have the language form the Governor's Office, but will send you the language

5. Important Dates

- i. House Committee Deadline- April 5th
- ii. Senate 3rd Reading Deadline- April 12th
- iii. House Bills 3rd Reading- April 19th
- iv. House and Senate Committee Deadline- May 3rd
- v. House 3rd Reading Senate Bills- May 17th
- vi. Adjournment- May 24th
- vii. Possible contingent session (May 25th- May 31st)