



1. Antitrust Statement

- a. ILHIC is committed to conducting all our activities in compliance with federal and state antitrust laws. If at any time during the call the discussion should venture into matters that might conflict with antitrust laws, please feel free to speak up and we will stop the discussion and move forward in the agenda.

2. Legislative Overview

- a. This week marks 5 weeks until the end of session. We are starting to see bills move through the opposite chambers now, while some larger policies are still looming. The Council is still working through some larger policy issues, such as vision care regulation, rate review, mental health, and the State Based Exchange.

3. Bills This Week

April 18th

Note* If the Council has negotiated the mandate, the Council removes the opposition, but is not “neutral” on the legislation due to the cost impact of mandates. The Council

House Insurance

3:00PM Stratton C-1

SB 101 PANDAS Mandate- ILHIC has no position.

HB 1068- Felony Underwriting- ILHIC has previously negotiated this language and has no position.

Senate Insurance

5:30PM 400 Capitol

HB 1186 HMO Referral- ILHIC is Supportive.

HB 1384 Reconstructive Services Mandate- ILHIC has no position.

HB 1564 Vaginal Estrogen Mandate- ILHIC has no position.

HB 2189 Access Insulin Act- ILHIC has no position.

HB 2350 Pap Test Prostate Screen Mandate- ILHIC has no position.

HB 2443 Hearing Aid Coverage Mandate- ILHIC has no position.

HB 2799 Proton Beam Mandate- ILHIC has no position.

4. Bills Next Week

House Insurance (April 25th)

C-1 Stratton 2:00pm

SB 1282- Liver Disease Testing Mandate

SB 1289- Dental Care Reimbursement- DLR WAS ADDED TO THIS BILL VIA AMENDMENT.

SB 1527- Compression Sleeves Mandate

SB 2195- Prosthetic Device Coverage Mandate

SB 1568- Heath Parity Disability Information Collection

Senate Insurance (April 25th)

400 Capitol 5:30pm

HB 2130- Data Security Law

HB 3202- Saliva Cancer Screen Mandate

HB 3631- PBM Retaliation

HB 3639- Epinephrine Coverage Mandate

HB 3809- Child Neuromuscular Therapy and Diagnostic Testing Mandate

House Prescription Drug Affordability (April 25th)

D-1 Stratton 4:00pm

SB 1344- Coverage for Abortion Care Off Label Abortifacients

House Healthcare Availability and Access (April 25th)

C-1 Stratton 4:00 PM

SB 1559- Insulin Coverage Mandate

5. Prior Approval Update

- a. The Council met with Senator Fine, DOI, and Shriver Center last week to discuss prior approval language. As mentioned previously, the Department's interest in this legislation has increased since last year. The Governor's Office, while not leading the charge on this policy, is interested and would like this authority in Illinois. The Department is going to take the language back to see what changes they can include. We did mention that the business communities and remaining health plans (not members of the Council) need to be included in the stakeholder conversations. The Senator would like to work with the Council, and then disperse the language to a broader group. The Senator plans on placing any language on another shell bill. The Council is working to find some time with Senate Leadership to discuss the political implications and timelines of any State Based Exchange and Rate Review policy. Last night, the stakeholders sent over additional language and would like to have another meeting next early next week to discuss. We will keep members informed of the outcome of the meeting.

6. Mental Health Coverage Mandate Update

- a. Representative La Pointe, Thresholds, AHIP, and the Council met this week to discuss HB 2847, which, if passed, assumes insurers are at a provider deficit for mental health, and allows providers to charge out of network rates for services until insurers meet certain thresholds listed in the language. Industry spent a considerable time discussing why this language would do the opposite of incentivizing providers to join networks. Thresholds maintained that there were other benefits to being a part of a network beyond rates, which included accreditation, but did later state that providers do not join networks because it is for financially favorable, and providers should receive out of network rates. Industry did also explain that this bill could have the unintended effect of causing an exodus of providers from networks, since within the bill they receive more money not taking part in a network. The Department even discussed that the out of network cost factor might be an issue. The Sponsor did understand this. However, Thresholds was unrelenting in its advocacy that this would correct narrow networks within mental health. The Sponsor was interested in mandating the (2) visits for mental health annual wellness, we did suggest limiting that to one visit, which would be comparable to the physical wellness visit. The Sponsor reached out to us last night to inform us that the provider network piece will come out of this bill, as she does not find it a feasible route at this time. However, the

Sponsor is still interested in the no cost share (2) annual wellness checkup piece. She would like to meet with the Council next week to discuss language moving forward with just that piece.

7. State Based Exchange Update

- a. We were informed this week that Leader Gabel wanted the new amendment (which has the suggestions we negotiated) to moved directly to the floor, since there has been a subject matter on the policy already. It is currently on the second reading on the floor. This is one of the highlighted policies we are bringing up as having large political implications on state officials. The implementation date for this policy is set to go live before primary. It is hard to see, without fiscal assumptions or staffing plans how the Department plans to reach their goal of having this policy up and running before 2025 and 2026. We have been told that President Harmon understands this. However, there is significant pressure from the Governor's Office to move this policy.

8. Provider Payor Summit Update

- a. The Providers would like to schedule another Provider Payor Summit for the Month of June. I will send out a separate email discussing dates and availability. The topics for discussion from the providers side are the Biomarker Testing Act and the Prior Authorization Reform Act. I will send out their agenda with their specific questions along with the time and availability email.

9. Important Dates

- a. April 28, 2023 (Senate and House Crossover Deadline)
- b. May 11, 2023 (Senate 3rd Reading Deadline (House Bills))
- c. May 12, 2023 (House 3rd Reading Deadline (Senate Bills))
- d. May 19, 2023 House and Senate Adjournment