

ILHIC Legislative Committee Update

May 29, 2020

Legislative Session – End of Spring/Special Session Update

ILHIC circulated a summary on Tuesday of the spring/special session, which officially adjourned on early May 24. A copy of the summary can be accessed at the website [HERE](#).

Lawmakers are not scheduled to return until the fall veto session on November 17, but in the meantime, legislative committees and working groups are expected to continue meeting virtually.

COVID Update - Illinois Reopening Plan

During his daily press conference yesterday, the Governor re-affirmed that all four regions of the state will move into Phase 3 of the reopening plan – [Restore Illinois](#) – today. The Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) released Phase 3 guidance for businesses on Sunday and is available [HERE](#). DCEO also has a Phase 3 toolkit available for businesses [HERE](#).

Governor Pritzker stated that the retracking of public health data will reset for all four regions today as well, which will determine whether a region has met the benchmarks set under the plan in order for that region to move into Phase 4 of the reopening plan.

In the meantime, the City of Chicago under their own [Reopening Chicago Plan](#) announced that businesses in the City will be allowed to move into Phase 3 of their reopening plan, referred to as the Cautiously Reopen phase, on June 3. The guidelines for businesses in Chicago moving into Phase 3 is available [HERE](#).

Additionally, the current disaster proclamation expires May 30, so the Administration is expected to issue a new proclamation to extend an additional 30 days, which will include extension of existing executive orders (such as [EO 2020-09](#) regarding telehealth, [EO 2020-14](#) regarding remote notarization – which was also codified in [SB 2135 \(Sims/Burke\)](#) during the special session - and [EO 2020-29](#) regarding producer licensure).

IL DOI – Regulatory Update

Comment Letter re. Proposed Rule – Life & Health Policy Filing Requirements

ILHIC and ACLI will circulate a draft comment letter outlining concerns with the Department’s proposed changes to Part 916.40 regarding policy filing procedures for life, accident and health policies.

The Department indicated that they intend to respond in writing to the list of questions submitted on Monday of last week by COB today. The Council will circulate the responses to members as soon as we receive them and we will incorporate their responses into the draft comment letter.

As a reminder, the [Notice of Proposed Rule](#) regarding the policy filing changes was first published in the April 24 Register and begins on pg. 6211 with the text of the proposed rule beginning on pg. 6213.

Mental Health Parity Reporting Work Group & July 1 Filing Requirement

DOI and HFS anticipate restarting the working group established by [P.A. 100-1024](#) this summer to develop the mental health parity compliance reporting insurers will be required, per the statute, to begin reporting to the Department on July 1.

ILHIC requested the reporting date be pushed back to at least January 1 during the special session and per the agreement arrived at by the Kennedy Forum IL and the industry at the first meeting of the working group; however, that did not occur during the limited session last week.

In the meantime, ILHIC has requested that the Department issue guidance around how insurers should meet the compliance requirements of the Act since the reporting template has not yet been developed by the working group.

UPCOMING MEETINGS/IMPORTANT DATES:

June 8-10 – ILHIC Annual Meeting – Lake Geneva - POSTPONED

November 3, 2020 – General Election Day

November 17-19 – First Week of Fall Veto Session

December 1-3 – Second Week of Fall Veto Session