



The sun is out, the pools are open, and the grills are fired up! It's summertime in Illinois, but it hasn't slowed down much. From Primary Elections to Special Sessions, it is looking like one jam-packed summer for Illinois. Let ILHIC cool your nerves by keeping you informed on all things Illinois and Insurance.

**Illinois Primary Outcome-** Illinois held its primary election on Tuesday, June 28<sup>th</sup>. To no surprise, Governor Pritzker beat out his opponent, Beverly Miles, making him the democratic gubernatorial candidate. Richard Irvin, the candidate backed by the Republican establishment lost by a double-digit percentage to Trump-endorsed candidate, Darren Bailey. Governor Pritzker spent millions of dollars to ensure that Irvin did not win the Primary since Irvin may have pulled a significant number of moderates to his side. Moderates in Illinois continued to not fare well in the state races, with many incumbent "moderate" legislators losing their elections to candidates with extreme liberal or extreme conservative ideologies.

**Bill Signing Season-** The Bill signing season is officially over. Each and every one of ILHIC's bills were signed into law. There was no total or partial veto from Governor Pritzker on ILHIC tracked bills. We will provide our finalized list to members which includes the public act information of all signed bills.

**Quarterly Regulator Roundtable-** The Department of Insurance has agreed to hold quarterly Regulator Roundtable discussions with ILHIC to discuss regulatory and implementation considerations. This forum is a space for companies to discuss specific regulatory issues or concerns with relevant staff at the

Department. To ensure that the correct staff are in attendance, ILHIC is putting together an agenda of items to discuss. **Please submit any comments or suggestions by July 31<sup>st</sup>. The first Regulator Roundtable will be held on Friday, August 19<sup>th</sup> from 10:30 am to 11:30 am (CT).** ILHIC is submitting our agenda on the morning of August 1<sup>st</sup>, per the request of the Department. Any issues submitted after the deadline will be addressed in a later regulator roundtable discussion.

**Illinois Special Session-**With a 5-4 decision, the United States Supreme Court overturned Roe v. Wade, a landmark ruling establishing a constitutional right to abortion. The states will now have the authority to set their own abortion laws. With almost half of the states expecting to outlaw or severely restrict abortion, Illinois is moving in the opposite direction with the Governor calling a special session to further expand abortion access. ILHIC has not heard of any solidified plans or language regarding this expansion. However, Planned Parenthood of Illinois provided a roadmap that is likely to be utilized when crafting policy. These ideas include:

- Allowing nurse practitioners to provide early abortion procedures
- Streamline the process for out-of-state healthcare professionals to be licensed and credentialed in Illinois
- Provide funding for “practical and logistical support for patients who face barriers to access because they have to travel”

In Illinois, state-regulated insurance is required to provide coverage for abortion procedures. While ILHIC has not heard of any language or idea that would affect the insurance industry, we are keeping our ears and eyes open for any last-minute policy that would affect our membership. There has been no formal announcement regarding special session days. However, the Senate was informed to keep their schedules open on July 6 and July 7 for possible session days.

**Provider Payor Summit-** The Illinois Oncology Association (the policy arm of the Illinois State Medical Society), held its first Provider Payor Summit with ILHIC. The meeting proved beneficial. Conversations involved the education of procedures to the physicians. After reviewing the response surveys, ILHIC decided to continue these quarterly discussions. There will likely be less reactive legislation if there is a better understanding of procedures and processes from the provider groups. ILHIC is working with the Illinois Oncology Association to schedule the remaining Summits for the year. Kate will reach out in late July to collect availability from health members.

**2022 ILHIC Annual Meeting-** ILHIC is working hard to solidify plans for the upcoming Illinois Life and Health Insurance’s Annual Meeting! This year’s Annual Meeting is titled, “Back to the Future- The Intersection of Recovery and Growth.” Registration forms were recently sent to members. If you have not received the registration form, please reach out to Kate or Susan. Once ILHIC confirms its remaining speakers, we will send out a detailed agenda. We look forward to seeing everyone on August 31-September 1 at the Eaglewood Resort in Itasca, Illinois!