



ILHIC's Out of Session Newsletter

ILHIC hopes the “Out of Session” newsletter finds you well and enjoying your summer. This newsletter is dedicated to delivering critical regulatory, legislative, and administrative information during the slower summer months. We are tracking regulatory matters and bills moving through the final stages of the regulatory process. ILHIC is also working on finalizing the 2021 Annual Meeting as well as expanding our digital footprint. We look forward to sharing more information with you in the coming months. Below are some recent updates.

- **Charts-** In addition to this newsletter you will find two charts:
 - **Bills Passed Chart-** This chart will track all of ILHIC’s key bills that passed both houses. The chart will update which bills are sent to the Governor and signed into law. The following bills were recently signed by the Governor.
 - **Bill Number:** SB 499
Description: Requires Medicaid and Group Accident and Health Insurance Policies to provide optional coverage for treatment of temporomandibular joint disorder and craniomandibular disorder.
Action: Signed
Effective: January 1, 2022
 - **Bill Number:** SB 1096
Description: Repeals the COVID-19 Medically Necessary Diagnostic Testing Act and requires that health plans provide coverage of diagnostic testing for enrollees in accordance with specified federal and State COVID-19 testing requirements. Sets a sunset date of January 1, 2022.
Action: Signed
Effective: Immediately
 - **Bill Number:** SB 1847
Description: Requires businesses with 100 employees or more to file for an equal pay certificate every two years and places penalties for Department of Labor employees who divulge information.

Action: Signed

Effective: Immediately

- **Regulatory Chart-** This chart will update members on regulatory issues/rules and their status or resolve. Recently, the Department issued a bulletin for the Uniform Prior Authorization Form for Prescription Drug Benefits. The Bulletin is linked [here](#). You can also find the PDF form linked [here](#).
- **Technological footprint-** ILHIC is taking advantage of the slower summer months to launch a few projects to expand the Council's social media presence. Our goal is to employ technology to communicate with members, legislators, constituents, and stakeholders to build member value. These platforms will allow us to continue to promote the importance of insurance and the infrastructure of our state.
 - **Social Media-** ILHIC launched a Twitter, Facebook, and LinkedIn Page. Links to ILHIC's social media pages may be accessed by utilizing the new social media buttons on the ILHIC website linked [here](#). The social media buttons may be found at the top right corner of each page on the ILHIC website. The Council will utilize these platforms to promote upcoming events, current issues, and member organizations. If you would like us to promote your organization's upcoming event/post, please reach out to Kate at kmorthland@ilhic.com.
 - **Podcast-** ILHIC launched a podcast called, "The Council Covers It." Podcasting is the perfect platform to establish relationships with both new and existing legislators, explain difficult policies in a way that will establish understanding, and promote policy that gives freedom to the listener to come back to the information at a time when it is convenient for them. The Council is working on scripting future episodes and interviewing legislators on the recent legislative session. Listen in to the introductory episode [here](#). The Council Covers It is also available on Apple Podcasts and Spotify.
 - **Blog-** ILHIC launched a blog entitled, "ILHIC Blogs," which covers current issues in health and life insurance. This platform will allow the Council to advocate for issues in a public and proactive manner. Please read our first blog post discussing the balancing of opportunity [here](#).
- **Annual Meeting**
 - **Registration-** Registration forms for the upcoming in-person Annual Meeting being held on September 1-3, 2021, at the Grand Geneva Resort & Spa in Lake Geneva, Wisconsin are in your email inboxes! Please let us know if you have any questions regarding the upcoming meeting. We cannot wait to see you all in person!