



Welcome to summer, ILHIC Members. 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 and legislative process. We are also gearing up for Veto Session for this year. During the summer months and beyond, if there are questions or concerns about anything, please feel free to reach out to us at any time. We are honored to have you as a part of our membership base. Below are some important items ILHIC is tracking.

**Bill Signing-** It's bill signing season! This Spring Session, ILHIC tracked 167 Bills and successfully negotiated our position to neutral on 15 bills. ILHIC did not have a single bill tracked that passed both chambers that wasn't successfully negotiated!

In Illinois, once a bill has passed out of both chambers, the legislator must send it to the Governor within 30 days. Once a bill is sent to the Governor, the Governor can: 1) Do nothing. If no action is taken within 60 days after the bill reaches the Governor, the bill automatically becomes law; 2) The Governor can sign the bill into law; or 3) veto (or amendatory veto). Many of ILHIC's tracked bills have been signed into law, meeting the statutory deadlines. Two bills remain to be signed [HB 5318](#) (Prostate Cancer Screening Mandate) and [SB 2969](#) (Glucose Monitor Mandate). ILHIC predicts that these bills will be signed soon. ILHIC is attaching a "Summer Tracking Chart," which will include the bills tracked and signed into law, along with the bills Public Act designation. Please reach out to ILHIC if your company has any questions as it prepares to implement recently signed legislation. We are happy to work with you and the Department to receive clarification.

**Regulatory Considerations-** The Department has been extremely busy in the regulatory space promulgating rules and publishing bulletins. Recently, the Department published [CB2022-09](#) to provide guidance related to the contrast media shortage. The bulletin encouraged all health issuers to take proactive steps to mitigate the impact on insureds. The bulletin requests that issuers work with providers to identify and provide coverage for alternative treatment options when appropriate.

The Department also promulgated rules to [Part 4540](#)- Network Adequacy and Transparency. Much of the rule included language extracted from failed [HB 1463](#), which drastically altered Market Conduct exams and Network Adequacy and Transparency procedures. ILHIC submitted a 7 page [comment letter](#) outlining member concerns

regarding the rule. Many of the concerns focused on the inability or unclear implementation of the rule, along with many parts of the rule being outside of the scope of authority of Department rulemaking ability.

The Department also promulgated rules to [Part 2015](#)- which were aimed at clarifying statutes mandating infertility coverage on December 27, 2021. ILHIC submitted a [comment letter](#) asking for clarification on many areas of the rule, including its applicability regarding types of plans. ILHIC's other comments included concerns regarding storage and long-term implementations should an individual change coverage. ILHIC submitted these concerns and others in a comment letter on February 10, 2022. We are unsure when the Department intends on responding.

**Veto Session-** The Senate and House released their [veto session](#) calendars for 2022. It includes two weeks in November (the weeks before and after Thanksgiving). The House calendar coincides with the Senate. There have been rumors of a special summer session after the release of the Supreme Court's ruling on Roe v. Wade. Legislation will likely focus on reproductive health. However, when legislators are in session there is a possibility of anything arising, including legislation that would affect the insurance industry. Legislators were called to "get creative" and find ways to make Illinois stronger in its abortion protections. ILHIC will track these conversations closely and inform members of any special session or any legislation affecting Illinois' life of health insurance industries.

**Lingering Health Policy Discussions-** At the end of Spring Session, ILHIC provided members with a [summary](#) of policy issues (located in the End of Session Summary) which were ripe for summer conversation and possible veto or session 2023 legislation. Policy issues included (1) Domestic Violence prohibitions for coverage; (2) Immigrant Access to Healthcare; (3) COVID-19 Testing; (4) Insurance Business Transfer; (5) Vision Care Regulation; (6) Rate Review; (7) White Bagging; and (8) Market Conduct. ILHIC is currently in active conversations with the Department on Market Conduct legislation. The Department was unable to share if they were going to run Market Conduct legislation for veto session. However, they are accepting ILHIC's redline draft, which was extracted from [HB 1463](#). Beyond our conversations with the Department, stakeholders have not readdressed a willingness to restart conversations. However, Illinois is in its final weeks before the primary election, leaving many stakeholders and legislators with lots to campaign work before June 28<sup>th</sup>. ILHIC predicts that many of these issues might be reopened after the election. ILHIC will keep members informed of these policy issues and conversations/negotiations had with stakeholders.

**ILHIC Annual Meeting Dates-** ILHIC is busy finalizing its 2022 Annual Meeting being held on August 31-September 1, 2022, at the Eaglewood Resort in Itasca, Illinois. We will send out more information shortly. We are excited to see you all again this fall.