HB4437
House Chief Sponsor: Leader Delia Ramirez

WHAT HB4437 DOES
Building on the 2020-2021 wins, HB4437, Healthy Illinois for All, expands the Health Benefits for Immigrant Adults program. This would provide comprehensive, affordable health coverage to the remainder of uninsured low-income immigrants - primarily undocumented adults and Legal Permanent Residents in the US under 5 years, ages 19-54, <138% FPL, who are still excluded from ACA and federal-Medicaid coverage.

HB-4437 would provide healthcare coverage to approximately 149,000 currently uninsured Illinoisans!

HFS estimated that providing coverage to this population would only cost $271 million which could be partially reimbursed by the federal government.

WHY HB4437 IS NEEDED
- There are 149,000 low-income uninsured Illinoisans who have no options for healthcare coverage.
- COVID-19 shows our public health is interdependent: healthcare access for all ensures the health of all Illinoisans.
- Roughly two in ten Illinoisans are immigrants. In 2018, immigrant-led households paid $7.7 billion in state and local taxes, and infused over $50.2 billion in spending power to our economy.
- HB-4437 will decrease health care providers’ cost of care to the uninsured. Being uninsured delays care and testing, translating into avoidable emergency room visits and hospitalizations which in turn translates into sky-rocketing charity care costs borne primarily by safety-net hospitals. In 2019, an estimated $944.6 million in charity care was provided by Illinois’s 200 hospitals; over one-third of that total ($326.8 million) was provided by Cook County Health’s Stroger and Provident hospitals.

ILLINOIS: LEADING THE NATION
The Illinois General Assembly made history by passing first of its kind in the nation legislation that provides state funded Medicaid-like coverage to immigrants aged 65 and older with household incomes of up to 100% FPL ($12,880 per year), regardless of their immigration status. The “Health Benefits for Immigrant Seniors Program” (HBIS) to date has provided comprehensive health coverage to over 8,600 uninsured low-income Illinoisans - an overwhelming success!

2020
Illinois passed a second expansion of the Health Benefits for Immigrant Adults program (HBIA).
Beginning in May 2022, HBIA will cover individuals ages 55 through 64 years old, with household income at or below 138% FPL ($17,774/year) and mirrors the ACA Adult program income eligibility. The Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services (HFS) estimates at least 11,000 immigrants in Illinois will be eligible for this expansion.

2022
Let’s Build Back Healthier and finish what we started!
HEALTHY ILLINOIS CAMPAIGN

ABOUT HEALTHY ILLINOIS COALITION

Since 2014, the Healthy Illinois Campaign’s mission is to provide affordable, comprehensive health coverage to low-income adults who have no pathway to coverage under the Affordable Care Act (ACA) or federally-funded Medicaid – primarily immigrants without documentation.

Esperanza: “Like me and my family, there are thousands of immigrants who cannot get health coverage. But we also get sick, we also get cancer, we also get COVID, we also need options to be able to live healthy.”

SUPPORTERS

(In Formation)

ACA Consumer Advocacy
AgeOptions
AIDS Foundation Chicago
Alivio Medical Center
Arab American Family Services
Aunt Martha’s Health and Wellness
Brighton Park Neighborhood Council
Casa Esperanza, OLMC Community Center
Centro de Informacion
Center for Health and Social Care Integration
Champaign County Health Care Consumers
Chicago Sanctuary Church
Citizen Action/Illinois
Collaborative for Health Equity Cook County
Community Members Center for Independent Living
Community Health
Cook County Health
Erie Family Health Centers
Enlace Chicago
EverThrive Illinois
Frente Nacional de Inmigrantes
Frida Kahlo Community Organization
HANA Center
Health & Medicine Policy Research Group
Heartland Alliance
Holy Spirit Missionary Sisters
Housing Action Illinois
Illinois Alliance for Retired Americans
Illinois Business Immigration Coalition
Illinois Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights
Illinois Hospice & Palliative Care Organization

Illinois Primary Healthcare Association
Illinois Psychiatry Society
Illinois SEIU Healthcare
KAN-WIN
Latino Policy Forum
Legal Action Chicago
Legal Council for Health Justice
League of Women Voters of Illinois
Leyden Family Service
National Association of Social Workers, Illinois Chapter
ONE Northside
Promoviendo, Abogando y Educando por la Salud (PAES)
Planned Parenthood of Illinois
Protect Our Care Illinois
Respiratory Health Association
The Resurrection Project
Rush University Medical Center
Saint Anthony Hospital
Shriver Center on Poverty Law
Sidney Hillman Health Centre
Sinai Chicago
Solutions for Care
Sones de Mexico Ensemble
Southwest Organizing Project
Southwest Suburban Immigrant Project
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University of Illinois College of Medicine, Urban
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