



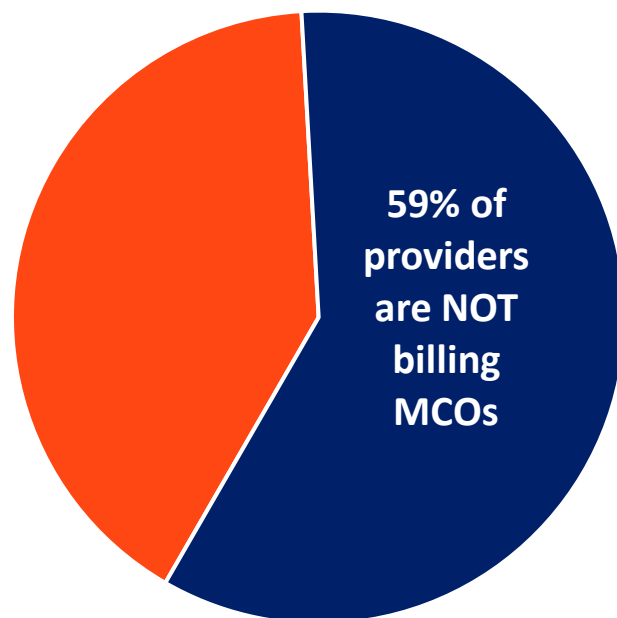
## SUPPORT HB4959/SB3464 – MEDICAID TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE CENTER (MTAC) ACT HB4958/SB3465 APPROPRIATIONS FOR MEDICAID TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE CENTER

### Background & Need

Medicaid provides crucial behavioral and physical healthcare services that position Illinois' young people and families for higher quality, more self-sufficient lives.

**However, many Illinoisans currently can't access healthcare services because providers don't have the resources to bill managed care organizations (MCOs).**

- ⇒ Illinois' Medicaid program requires healthcare providers to bill managed care organizations, yet most providers are NOT billing MCOs<sup>1</sup>.
- ⇒ When providers cannot bill MCOs, Illinoisans encounter barriers to accessing quality healthcare services, when they need them, where they need them, from the providers they trust.
- ⇒ Smaller providers and providers serving predominantly communities of color are the least prepared to bill MCOs<sup>1</sup>.



Percent of Providers Billing Medicaid Managed Care (N=130)

### Solution

Illinois benefits when people have support constructing the sturdy foundation of health and well-being that we all need to reach our potential. Establish a Medicaid Technical Assistance Center (MTAC) to increase healthcare access in Illinois. The MTAC is a **recognized model** that can **leverage federal Medicaid match** to create a long-term resource for healthcare providers within Illinois' Medicaid program.

#### CALL TO ACTION



Pass **HB4959/SB3464** to create a Medicaid Technical Assistance Center Act and **HB4958/SB3465** to appropriate \$5M to the Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services for the Medicaid Technical Assistance Center.

<sup>1</sup> Illinois Collaboration on Youth. (2019). [Bridging the Gap to Medicaid Managed Behavioral Health Care in Illinois](#).