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 MCOs¹.

⇒ 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 MCOs¹.

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 HB1950/SB341/HB158 to create a Medicaid Technical Assistance Center Act and HB3987 to appropriate $5M to the Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services for the Medicaid Technical Assistance Center.


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