



# HEALTHCARE FOR ALL

## 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

## 2020

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!

## 2021

Illinois passed a [second expansion](#)- 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

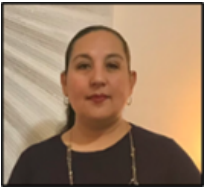
**Let's Build Back Healthier and finish what we started!**



# 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

(INFORMATION)

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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