



News From State Representative Dennis Reboletti

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Reboletti: Medicaid Reform Law Saves Illinois \$800 million

Addison, IL ... Serving on the Medicaid Reform Committee, State Representative Dennis Reboletti (R-Elmhurst) is pleased landmark legislation saving Illinois millions of dollars while cutting down on waste and fraud was signed by Governor Pat Quinn on January 25.

Reboletti said the new law (House Bill 5420) is estimated to save Illinois \$800 million over the next five years. It will also help prevent fraud and ensure eligible recipients receive benefits as studies have shown 10 percent of Medicaid is lost to fraud and abuse.

“The reforms signed into law will significantly cut down on the cost of Medicaid while allowing Illinois to continue to provide quality healthcare to those who truly need it,” said Reboletti.

The monumental Medicaid reform legislation includes:

- Income and residency verification – Applicants must supply one month of income documentation and proof of Illinois residency
- Moratorium on new programs and eligibility expansion for two years
- Income limits for All Kids health insurance program to \$66,150 for a family of four
- Move long-term care patients from institutions to community care settings
- Integrate managed care for 50 percent of recipient enrollees by January 2015
- Install new computer systems allowing state agencies to easily share income limits and other eligibility information
- Creates a \$2,000 fine for those caught abusing the system

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