



News & Events

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Advocacy

Betsy Mitchell, IL-HPCO Lobbyist

The Illinois Budget ---- According to my discussions with legislators who have been working on the budget, their work as budgeteers is done for now. They have met numerous times and have crafted a plan which has been forwarded to leadership for review. This plan includes raising \$5.4 billion in new revenues and reducing spending by \$2.7 billion. Leaders are considering their proposal. The budgeteers are prepared to step back into the discussions if needed. Governor Rauner continues to state publicly that he will refuse any budget deal that does not include part of his Turnaround Agenda reforms which we understand is also being negotiated.

Earlier this week, the Illinois Senate passed Senate Bill 2047 to provide desperately needed financial assistance to human services. Yesterday afternoon (Thursday, May 12), the House passed this important measure which is now headed to the Governor's desk for his consideration and possible quick signature. Last week, a similar measure was passed and signed into law to help provide a "quick fix" to the state's universities, especially Chicago State University, Eastern Illinois University and Western Illinois University.

Clearly, most of the current budget discussions revolve around the Fiscal Year 2016 budget. Hearings have been held on the FY 2017 budget. Session is scheduled to end on May 31, 2016. There is a possibility that this impasse could continue into Fiscal Year 2017. Stay tuned to see how this plays out.

In April Sarah Bealles, IL HPCO Chair, wrote a letter to Members of the Senate Special Committee on Oversight of Medicaid Managed Care, chaired by Senator Heather Steans. The objective of.....

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POLST ILLINOIS FORM UPDATED

The Illinois POLST form has been updated by the Illinois Department of Public Health.

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PALMETTO GBA UPDATE

May 2016
Hospice Tip: Documentation

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HOSPICE NOTES

PALLIATIVE CARE NOTES

OTHER NOTES



Attend

GIPPCC Webinar

Care of Chronic Complex Children & Palliative Care

Friday, June 10, 2016
12:00 pm-1:00 pm

Registration and Questions:
Kim Downing RN, JD
(630) 485-8196
kdowning@gippcc.org

[get the details here](#)

Illinois Northern Tier Hospice-Veteran Partnership Meeting (HVP)

Topic: "What is a Service-Connected Veteran?"

Tuesday, June 21, 2016
10:00 am- 1:00 pm

Chapel Hill Gardens West Funeral Home, 17W201 Roosevelt Road, Oak Brook Terrace

RSVP is required by June 17th:
Diane Nowak
(708) 385-0132
nowak@dignitymemorial.com

[get the details here](#)

IL HPCO Regional Meeting

Rockford

Thursday, June 23, 2016
11:30 am -1:30 pm

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