



SPRING 2019

IL-HPCO has identified the following as Legislative Priorities:

- Elimination of the Medicaid Room and Board Pass Through for Hospice;
- Align Illinois with federal law on disposal of medications;
- Align Illinois with Federal law allowing patients to choose Physician Assistants as Attending Physicians when electing the Hospice benefit;
- Passage of the Pediatric Palliative Care Act
- Elimination of the Double Dosage Mandate (Varcan)

In addition to these important issues, we continue to raise awareness via education and outreach to all legislative contacts regarding the importance of hospice and palliative care in our communities.

Specific legislation that IL-HPCO is currently supporting:

SB 1105 - Pediatric Palliative Care Act: This bill will be voted on in late April by the House. It passed last month in the Senate 53-0! House Sponsors are identified. We hope to have on Governor's desk for signature by summer!

HB2638-Naloxone Prescribing- IL-HPCO is currently working on draft language for this bill.

Room and Board Elimination HB3037, Currently in the Human Services Medicaid Subcommittee. IL-HPCO has worked tirelessly advocating and gathering legislative support for this bill. We recently met with HFS Director Theresa Eagleson and her colleagues to address the issue. We have also reached out to other states who have passed similar legislation for guidance. We continue to work diligently to explore paths that will work within our state and federal guidelines. Our hope is to move this bill out of committee by fall or early 2020.