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IPHCA Awarded \$3.9 Million Grant for Statewide Health Insurance Navigator Program

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., August 29, 2023 – The Illinois Primary Health Care Association (IPHCA) has been awarded a \$3.9 million grant to continue operation of a statewide health insurance navigator program, which the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) recently [announced](#). The 2023-2024 CMS Navigator Cooperative Agreement is in the final year of a three-year grant. IPHCA has contracted with 41 health centers throughout the life of this grant and trained a total of 140 licensed navigators.

The Affordable Care Act (ACA) put healthcare navigators into place starting in 2013 to assist individuals in navigating health insurance enrollment. This grant award is a testament to the commitment that Illinois' Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) have made in connecting marginalized communities to affordable healthcare. The new round of awards demonstrates the added commitment to helping consumers through the Medicaid Redetermination process. Navigators are trained, unbiased enrollment professionals that can help a consumer through the redetermination process. During this past grant year, which ran from August 2022 through August 2023, IPHCA participating navigators answered 250,000 questions relating to health insurance and helped more than 37,000 Illinois residents enroll in health coverage through Illinois Medicaid or the Health Insurance Marketplace. To learn more about the Illinois Medicaid redetermination process visit [HFS](#).

The list of awardees includes:

- Access Community Health Center
- Aunt Martha's Health & Wellness
- AHS Family Health Center
- Alivio Medical Center
- Cass County Health Department
- Central Counties Health Centers, Inc.
- Chicago Family Health Center
- Christopher Greater Area Rural Health Planning Corporation
- Community Health & Emergency Services, Inc.
- Community Health Care, Inc.
- Community Health Partnership of Illinois
- Crusader Community Health
- Eagle View Community Health System
- Erie Family Health Centers
- Greater Family Health
- Hamdard Center for Health & Human Services
- Tapestry 360 Health
- Heartland Health Services

- Howard Brown Health
- Infant Welfare Society of Chicago
- Inner-City Muslim Action Network
- Knox County Health Department
- Lawndale Christian Health Center
- Legacy Medical Care, Inc.
- Macoupin County Public Health Department
- Near North Health
- PCC Community Wellness Center
- Pillars Community Health
- Preferred Family Healthcare, Inc.
- PrimeCare Community Health, Inc.
- Promise Healthcare
- Shawnee Health Service
- SIHF Healthcare
- SIU Center for Family Medicine
- TCA Health, Inc. - NFP
- VNA Health Care
- Whiteside County Community Health Clinic
- Will County Community Health Center
- DuPage County Health Department
- Douglas County Health Department
- Access DuPage

About the Illinois Primary Health Care Association

IPHCA is a nonprofit trade association that serves as the voice of and champion for Illinois' 54 community health centers, which serve more than 1.5 million patients annually across more than 400 service sites in medically underserved rural, urban, and suburban areas. [IPHCA.org](https://www.iphca.org)

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