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Illinois Primary Health Care Association Selected as Subgrantee for CMS's Connecting Kids to Coverage 2025 Initiative

Springfield, Ill. — The Illinois Primary Health Care Association (IPHCA) is proud to announce its selection as one of 25 subgrantee organizations nationwide under the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Connecting Kids to Coverage 2025 initiative. This vital funding will empower IPHCA to support Federally Qualified Health Centers across Illinois in expanding access to free or low-cost health coverage for children and families.

Through this initiative, IPHCA and its funded partners will focus on:

- Educating families about the availability of health coverage through Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP);
- Identifying children who are likely eligible for these programs; and
- Assisting families, including parents and pregnant women, in applying for and renewing coverage.

This work is made possible through funding authorized by Congress for CHIP, a program first established in 1997 to provide health coverage for uninsured children in families who earn too much to qualify for Medicaid but too little to afford private insurance. CHIP is jointly administered by CMS and individual states and is currently funded through Fiscal Year 2027 under the HEALTHY KIDS Act and the ACCESS Act.

This new funding aligns directly with IPHCA's commitment to supporting health centers in their outreach, enrollment, and education efforts. By leveraging this opportunity, IPHCA will help ensure that more Illinois children and families receive the coverage they need to thrive.

"We are honored to be part of this national effort to connect children and families to essential health coverage," said Cheri Hoots Tabor, Chief Operating Officer. "This initiative strengthens our mission and supports our members in delivering equitable, accessible care to communities across Illinois."

About the Illinois Primary Health Care Association (IPHCA)

IPHCA is a nonprofit trade association that serves as the voice of and champion for Illinois' 55 community health centers, which serve more than 1.5 million patients annually across more than 430 service sites in medically underserved rural, urban, and suburban areas. IPHCA.ORG

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