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## **Illinois House Passes Critical 340B Drug Discount Program Protections**

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. – June 1, 2026 – The Illinois House of Representatives passed landmark protections for the 340B Drug Discount Program, an essential lifeline for community health centers, hospitals, and the patients and communities they serve. This legislation will ensure that health centers and hospitals can continue providing affordable medications to their patients while preserving critical funding for services and supports that would otherwise go unfunded or underfunded.

The Illinois Primary Health Care Association (IPHCA), its Board of Directors, and members are profoundly grateful to the champions who made this possible. Deep appreciation is extended to our House sponsor, Representative Anna Moeller, whose tireless leadership over the past year guided these protections through fierce opposition from pharmaceutical manufacturers. Equal recognition is owed to our Senate sponsor, Senator Dave Koehler, whose successful passage of this measure through the Senate last spring laid the foundation for today's victory.

IPHCA further recognizes House Speaker Emanuel "Chris" Welch for his indispensable leadership. Speaker Welch's steadfast commitment to protecting affordable medications and preserving healthcare capacity during a time of unprecedented uncertainty proved decisive in this bill's success. Gratitude is also extended to Senate President Don Harmon for his leadership in advancing this legislation through the Senate and for unwavering support in protecting the communities that depend on the 340B program.

Finally, every member of the Illinois General Assembly who voted in support of this legislation is recognized for choosing patients over profits and demonstrating that the health and well-being of Illinois communities transcends politics.

"Today, our legislative champions stood strong in the face of intense industry pressure, to put patients first," said Ollie Idowu, President & CEO of IPHCA. "Because of their courage and leadership, 1.5 million Illinoisans who rely on community health centers will continue to have access to the affordable medications and comprehensive services they need to live healthy lives. IPHCA looks forward to partnering with Governor Pritzker to sign this critically important legislation into law."

**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 450 service sites in medically underserved rural, urban, and suburban areas.

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