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Governor Pritzker Signs Landmark 340B Legislation Protecting Patients, Strengthening Community Health Centers Across Illinois

Springfield, Ill. — August 7, 2026 – The Illinois Primary Health Care Association (IPHCA) celebrates Governor JB Pritzker's signing of House Bills 2371 and 4327, marking a major victory for Illinois community health centers and the millions of patients who rely on them for affordable, accessible healthcare.

Together, the two measures strengthen and protect the federal 340B Drug Pricing Program while promoting transparency and accountability, ensuring the program can continue serving vulnerable patients and communities throughout Illinois.

House Bill 2371, the Illinois Patient Access to Pharmacy Protection Act, safeguards access to contract pharmacies that community health centers depend upon to deliver medications to patients and generate critical savings through the 340B program. Those savings are reinvested directly into patient care, helping health centers expand services, hire staff, improve access to care, and address healthcare disparities in communities across the state.

House Bill 4327 directs the Illinois Department of Insurance to conduct a study of the 340B program and report on how it functions within Illinois' healthcare system, providing policymakers with a comprehensive understanding of the program's impact on patients, providers, and communities.

"Governor Pritzker has once again shown that he understands what community health centers mean to the people of Illinois," said Ollie Idowu, President and CEO of the Illinois Primary Health Care Association. "At a time when so much about the future of healthcare feels uncertain, his willingness to act gives our health centers and the patients they serve a real measure of stability. By signing these bills, the Governor is standing with the patients who have the fewest options and the providers who show up for them every single day. We are deeply grateful for his partnership and his steady commitment to protecting care for Illinois' most vulnerable communities."

Community health centers across Illinois serve more than 1.5 million patients annually, regardless of their ability to pay. For many communities, health centers serve as a primary source of medical, dental, behavioral health, and pharmacy services.

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The protections included in HB 2371 ensure pharmaceutical manufacturers cannot restrict the contract pharmacy arrangements that health centers rely upon to make the 340B program work as Congress intended.

"These protections have real consequences for real patients," Idowu said. "They mean health centers can continue helping patients access affordable medications while reinvesting 340B savings into expanded services, workforce development, chronic disease management, behavioral health care, and other critical programs that improve health outcomes."

IPHCA also praised lawmakers for advancing HB 4327 and creating a thoughtful framework for examining the program's impact throughout Illinois.

"The Illinois Primary Health Care Association believes transparency is a core principle of public accountability, and that includes how the 340B drug pricing program operates in Illinois," Idowu said. "HB 4327 reflects a genuine legislative interest in greater accountability and provides meaningful transparency in a way that protects the program's ability to continue serving patients."

IPHCA thanks Sen. David Koehler and Rep. Camille Lilly for their leadership and engagement on HB 4327, as well as Rep. Anna Moeller and Sen. Koehler for championing HB 2371 throughout the legislative process.

"We are grateful to the bill sponsors – Senator Koehler, Representative Lilly, Representative Moeller – as well as Senate President Harmon, Speaker Welch, and members of the General Assembly who worked collaboratively with the health center community to advance these important measures," Idowu said. "Their leadership recognizes that protecting patient access to care and promoting accountability are complementary goals that strengthen Illinois' healthcare system."

With the Governor's signature, Illinois joins a growing number of states taking action to protect the 340B program and preserve the healthcare services it supports for patients and communities statewide.

About the Illinois Primary Health Care Association

The Illinois Primary Health Care Association is the statewide trade association representing Illinois' 55 community health centers. Community health centers serve more than 1.5 million patients annually through a network of providers delivering comprehensive primary care, behavioral health, dental, pharmacy, and enabling services in urban, rural, and suburban communities throughout Illinois. www.iphca.org

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