

AN ACT concerning education.

**Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,
represented in the General Assembly:**

Section 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the Illinois Health Policy Center Act.

Section 5. Legislative intent. Illinois legislators and other governmental officials are charged with an increasingly complex task of creating and implementing laws and regulations to advance the health and health care of the people of Illinois. The challenge has grown because of escalating costs of health care that take an increasingly large share of State resources and because of the increasingly complex nature of treating illnesses that makes monitoring and ensuring quality more difficult.

As Illinois' statewide public institution of higher learning, with the nation's largest medical school, and graduate programs in health and public policy, health services research, pharmacy, public administration, and health economics, the University of Illinois has the breadth and depth of expertise as well as a mission to serve as an authoritative and objective information resource to the legislative branches of government and to State agencies.

Section 10. Center created; goals.

(a) The Illinois Health Policy Center is created within the University of Illinois, to be sponsored by the University of Illinois at Chicago College of Medicine and the University of Illinois Institute of Government and Public Affairs. In implementing this Act, the University shall also consult with and seek the participation of all other public universities in Illinois.

(b) The goals of the Illinois Health Policy Center are:

(1) To support legislators and other government officials in developing and implementing health policy to address critical issues facing the State of Illinois.

(2) To focus on identifying "best practices" appropriate for Illinois through careful and objective review of the latest scientific research and through comparative analyses of other states' policies.

Section 15. Center's duties. The Illinois Health Policy Center shall do the following:

(1) Respond to requests from State government officials and agencies requiring analytical support and guidance in matters related to the development and implementation of health policy.

(2) Provide data collection, data analysis, program planning, program implementation, and program evaluation.

(3) Identify critical issues in health policy in need

of timely action.

(4) Produce timely and objective information to help guide policy development and implementation.

(5) Operate a phone line and interactive website available to legislative staff or other policymakers seeking rapid and timely information.

(6) Pursue a research agenda that focuses on State health care policy.

Section 20. Advisory Panel.

(a) The Illinois Health Policy Center Advisory Panel is created. The Advisory Panel shall consist of 13 members as follows:

(1) Four legislators, appointed one each by the President of the Senate, the Minority Leader of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the Minority Leader of the House of Representatives.

(2) One representative of each of the following groups, appointed by consensus of the President of the Senate, the Minority Leader of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the Minority Leader of the House of Representatives upon the recommendations of those 4 legislative leaders: hospitals; medical societies; managed care companies; and insurance companies.

(3) One representative of patient advocacy groups, appointed by the Governor.

(4) The Director of the Department of Human Services, or his designee.

(5) The Director of the Department of Healthcare and Family Services, or his designee.

(6) The Director of the Department of Public Health, or his designee.

(7) One additional member, appointed by the Governor.

(b) The Advisory Panel shall provide advice and oversight concerning the creation and operation of the Illinois Health Policy Center.

(c) The Illinois Health Policy Center shall submit a report each calendar year to the Governor and the General Assembly. The report shall contain:

(1) An itemized list of the source and amount of funds of the Illinois Health Policy Center.

(2) An itemized list of expenditures made by the Illinois Health Policy Center.

(3) A summary of research activities undertaken since the submission of the preceding report.

(4) A description of advocacy activities undertaken since the submission of the preceding report.