

State Policy Tracking: 2009-2010 Session

## Illinois

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### **HB 152/SB 2019: Continuity of Patient Care for Immunosuppressant Drugs Act**

Provides that a health insurance policy or health care service plan contract that covers immunosuppressant drugs may not limit, reduce, or deny coverage of immunosuppressant drugs if prior to the limitation, reduction, or denial of coverage the insured was using the drug and was covered under the policy or contract and the drug was covered under the policy or contract. Provides that nothing in the Act shall prohibit an insurer from making changes in its benefit design that applies to all covered drugs or from increasing cost-sharing obligations due to a percentage coinsurance payment that necessarily increases with an increase in the underlying drug prices.

Does not apply to immunosuppressant use for autoimmune diseases.

STATUS: Sent to Governor

### **HB 750: Income Tax Deduction**

This bill would amend the Illinois Income Tax Act to allow a deduction of up to \$10,000 if the taxpayer, while living, donates one or more of his or her human organs to another human being for human organ transplantation. Provides that the deduction may be claimed only once and for only unreimbursed travel and lodging expenses and lost wages incurred by the claimant and related to the claimant's organ donation.

STATUS: Eligible for crossover deadline?

### **HB 2634/SB 1583/SB 2931: Pediatric Palliative Care Act**

Includes End Stage Kidney Disease patients in eligibility criteria (must be under 18 and Medicaid covered). This Act would create a pediatric palliative care pilot program under which a qualifying child may receive community-based pediatric palliative care from a trained interdisciplinary team while continuing to pursue aggressive curative treatments for a potentially life-limiting medical condition under the benefits available under the Medicaid program.

STATUS: Signed into law 7/16/2010 (PL 96-1078).

### **HB 3878: Health Facility Closure**

Provides that a health care facility must provide a written pre-closing statement to the Department no less than 90 days before permanently closing its facility and lays out facility closing procedures. "Kidney disease treatment center" listed as a health care facility.

STATUS: Passed House, in Senate committee

# Illinois (cont.)

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**HB 2206: Appropriations for FY 2010**

\$200,000 for grants to the Regional Organ Bank of Illinois and to Mid- America Transplant Services for the purpose of promotion of organ and tissue donation awareness.

STATUS: Sent to Governor

**SB 1433: Budget Amendment**

Moves \$115,000 from organ donor awareness fund and 85,500 from post-transplant maintenance fund into the General Revenue Fund.

STATUS: Sent to Governor

**HB 5516: An Act Concerning Community Recognition**

The Secretary of State shall establish a program by rule to designate, recognize, and award Illinois communities whose citizens have an outstanding record of blood donation, organ donation, or both.

STATUS: In Committee

**SB 2981: MRSA Screening At-Risk Patients**

Inpatient dialysis patients included in definition of at-risk patients who must be screened for MRSA upon admission to an Illinois hospital.

STATUS: Signed into law 7/16/2010 (PL 96-1079).

**SB 3193: Anatomical Gifts – Coroner Duty**

Provides that a coroner or medical examiner shall cooperate with procurement organizations to maximize the opportunity to recover anatomical gifts for the purpose of transplantation, research, or education.

STATUS: In Committee

**SB 3613: An act concerning organ donation**

As of July 1,2012 all residents of the age of 18 and of sound mind are presumed to be organ donors. Those who do not wish to donate must opt-out by filing a document with the Secretary of State to be included in an “Organ Donor Opt-out Registry”.

STATUS: In Committee

**HB 6771/SB 3886: \$DHFS FY2011**

1,075,8000 for Grants for Medical Care for Persons Suffering from Chronic Renal Disease.

STATUS: In Committee

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**HB 6780: \$SOS FY2011**

\$100,000 for grants to the Regional Organ Bank of Illinois and to Mid- America Transplant Services for the purpose of promotion of organ and tissue donation awareness.

STATUS: In Committee

**HB 859: \$DPH-AUTOIMMUNE GRANTS**

\$100,000 for grants to the Regional Organ Bank of Illinois and to Mid- America Transplant Services for the purpose of promotion of organ and tissue donation awareness.

STATUS: Passed both chambers, Governor has submitted a line item veto but above funding not reduced.

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