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Largest State Membership Association of Healthcare Plans Responds to Innovative Reboot of State's Medicaid Managed Care Program

Samantha Olds Frey, the Executive Director of the Illinois Association of Medicaid Health Plans ([IAMHP](#)), the state's largest membership association of health plans that participate in Medicaid managed care in Illinois, responds to the Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services' (HFS) announcement of the Medicaid reboot.

"We are thrilled the Department of Health and Family Services has taken such an innovative step to foster whole-person care for nearly three million Illinoisans through [HealthChoice Illinois](#). Our Association, comprised of several members who are committed to improving the health of Illinoisans through high-quality healthcare that effectively and efficiently meets the needs of patients. Today's announcement squarely aligns with our mission and vision and we applaud Governor Rauner, Director Norwood and the HFS team for taking such bold action and providing healthcare alternatives to some of our most vulnerable."

Going into effect January 1, 2018, HealthChoice Illinois will operate statewide and include more than 80 percent of all Medicaid beneficiaries, allowing members to select the health plan that best suits their needs. The reboot streamlines procedures to better serve the needs of patients and providers; establishes vital guidelines for better whole-person care coordination, quality measures and access; and emphasizes prevention and managing chronic illnesses to reduce costly and dangerous complications.

"Choosing the best healthcare plan can be a daunting task for many, the new HealthChoice Illinois provides a valuable resource that fills a need for some of our most underserved populations. This new alternative will help provide the high-quality, outcomes-based healthcare and care coordination that can improve the health conditions for individual patients as well as our communities," Olds Frey later added.

Illinois Association of Medicaid Health Plans is a membership organization of health plans that participate in Medicaid managed care in Illinois. Our members are committed to improving the health of Illinoisans through high-quality healthcare that effectively and efficiently meets the needs of patients.

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