



PRESS STATEMENT

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IAMHP Statement on the Governor's Covid-19 Mitigations

Illinois has seen a rapid increase in new COVID-19 cases and positivity rates. Since the October 1, new cases are up 516% and the number of Illinoisans hospitalized with COVID-19 has grown by 235%. While deaths are a lagging indicator, statewide data show that COVID-19 deaths are up 260% and we are now averaging 81 deaths per day.

The members of the Illinois Association of Medicaid Health Plans (IAMHP) collectively serve over 2 million Illinois residents. The state of Illinois has entrusted these health plans with caring for Illinois' most vulnerable residents and improving the health of families across the state.

For these reasons, IAMHP appreciates the Governor's leadership and supports his tough decision to implement mitigations efforts to slow the spread of the virus and save lives. We recognize that these decisions were not taken lightly, and they are not without a cost, however, we believe they are necessary to save lives.

The Medicaid Health Plans recognize the economic impacts of COVID-19 have put extreme pressure on the already limited publicly available community-based services. In order to assist with this, health plans invested more than \$56 million of their 2020 quality payment with providers and community organizations. Of that \$56 million, \$27.6 million, nearly 50% of the total, was spent in disproportionately impacted area zip codes across the state of Illinois.

During these challenging times, Medicaid health plans will continue to support their members, provider partners and community-based organizations through community reinvestment projects.

ABOUT IAMHP

As a member organization for the Medicaid managed care health plans, IAMHP works with the Illinois state government, legislators, advocacy groups and Medicaid patients to invest in and provide high-quality health care focused on cost-effective, individualized care that helps the residents of Illinois live longer and healthier lives.