VOTE YES ON HB 4165 HA1

Do No Harm Healthcare Act


Problem: Attacks from both Congress and the President continue to threaten the health and well-being of Illinoisans.

These attacks include rolling back consumer protections, cutting benefits, increasing consumer costs, and restricting access to healthcare coverage.

Unless Illinois takes back control of our healthcare from Congress and the President, our citizens will be at risk of continued attacks and health care market costs will keep rising due to uncertainty.

Solution: HB 4165 HA1 would ensure the General Assembly has input in a public process should any Illinois Governor use a federal invitation to reduce healthcare access and treatment. The current process for waivers requires little transparency and even less public input.

The Do No Harm Healthcare Act would require the General Assembly to approve any waivers proposed by the state that would affect coverage under the Affordable Care Act (ACA), State Employee Group Health Insurance, and Medicaid; ensuring that any attempt to restrict access to healthcare is open to public debate, oversight and scrutiny.

HB 4165 HA1 gives the IL General Assembly the power to provide a critical check and balance to stop any attempts to weaken or reduce our healthcare.

Key Components of HB 4165 HA1:

- Prohibits state officials from applying for any federal waiver without legislative approval that would reduce or eliminate any protection or coverage required under the ACA.
- Prohibits the State from applying for any federal waiver without legislative approval that would permit an individual or group health insurance plan to reduce or eliminate any protection or coverage required under the ACA including, but not limited to, any protection for persons with pre-existing conditions.
- Prohibits the State from applying for any waiver of federal Medicaid requirements without legislative approval that would reduce or eliminate any protection or coverage required under the ACA or Medicaid.
- Provides that the State may apply for such a waiver(s) only if granted authorization by the General Assembly through a joint resolution.

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