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Illinois Chamber President and CEO Todd Maisch testifies on HB 3840 Illinois Health Care and Human Service Reform Act

Yesterday, Illinois Chamber President and CEO Todd Maisch testified before the Senate Executive Committee on the Chamber's opposition to HB 3840 Illinois Health Care and Human Service Reform Act. The Illinois Chamber identifies two major flaws in the bill.

"This legislation terminates the managed care program in Medicaid. This is a huge issue for many reasons. This would buck a nationwide trend of states moving towards managed care for Medicaid recipients, which has saved American taxpayers billions of dollars and promoted better outcomes for patients. Moving everyone into a fee of service risks the gains Illinois has made in providing quality and cost effective care to Medicaid recipients," Maisch said.

"Next to pensions, government funded health care is the largest driver of our state government debt. By eliminating the managed care program for Medicaid in Illinois, we would be ignoring the fact that Illinois and the rest of the nation has successfully moved 70% of all Medicaid recipients into managed care. This transition has saved American taxpayers billions of dollars while improving patient outcomes. For these reasons and others, we strongly oppose HB 3840 Illinois Health Care and Human Service Reform Act prohibition on hospital's ability to best match scarce healthcare resources with the needs of their patients."