

Did you know Illinoisans can lose coverage for their medications at any time?

Support House Bill 2694, introduced by Representatives Greg Harris (D-Chicago) and Patti Bellock (R-Hinsdale), to stop insurers from making unfair coverage changes during the plan year.



Illinois does not have regulations that require commercial health insurers to maintain stable pharmacy benefits throughout a plan year. Increasingly, insurers are reducing prescription coverage during the year, when enrollees have no ability to switch health plans.

At any point, health plans can:

- Remove medications from coverage;
- Place greater restrictions on access to medications; or
- Raise out-of-pocket costs associated with medications.

These actions unfairly force individuals off of the treatments they depend on.

Forcing patients onto insurer-preferred medications, regardless of the health impact, can lead to:



Increased symptoms, side effects, and even relapse of the patient's condition, which can increase overall health care costs.

House Bill 2694 is a bipartisan, common-sense solution that would prevent insurers from making mid-plan year changes that hurt patients.



It would still allow insurers to add medications to their formularies, to remove medications for safety reasons, and to substitute generics.

