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Statement opposing managed care for Medicaid
Senate Deficit Reduction Committee**

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The Illinois Academy of Family Physicians, comprising 3,800 members across the state, strongly opposes the recommendation made by the Civic Committee of The Commercial Club of Chicago that the Illinois Medicaid program should shift their patients into a managed care system.

Illinois is already moving towards costs savings and better health outcomes through the Illinois Health Connect and Your Healthcare Plus programs. Illinois Health Connect provides Illinois Medicaid and All Kids patients with a medical home and an ongoing relationship with a primary care physician. Meanwhile, Your Healthcare Plus is providing disease management services for some of Medicaid's most complex and costliest patients. Both programs have the support and engagement of the health care provider community. In fact, the primary care physician societies such as IAFP, the Illinois Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics, and the Illinois Osteopathic Medical Society have contributed significantly in developing both programs and encouraging physician participation.

Reverting to managed care would be a step back for Illinois. The solution to our state's health care problems, both physician and fiscal, lies in the primary care medical home.

Medical Home vs. Managed Care

Medical Home means...

Physician-patient relationship

Patient-centered, personalized care

Preventive services, fewer ER visits
Less hospitalization, better tracking

Physician support and feedback

Healthier, engaged patients

Fiscal savings through comprehensive,
coordinated care

Managed Care means...

Systematic "gatekeeper" relationship

Contractually-dictated care

Patients get "partialist" care with
services that are "carved out"

Physicians handcuffed by "one size fits
all" rules.

More rules and unhappy patients

Fiscal savings by limiting access to
services

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