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**IAFP STATEMENT ON ILLINOIS COVERED**

(SPRINGFIELD, Illinois) Family physician leaders from around the state are in Springfield today for our sixth annual Spring Legislative Forum. IAFP leadership will be available for interviews and reaction to health care issues covered by the governor in the address.

The following statement may be attributed to IAFP President Kathleen J. Miller, MD of Decatur:

"Family physicians are encouraged by the Governor's plan, which attempts to bring some fairness and stability to a broken system. We need a system where everyone has the opportunity to access quality, affordable health care. Illinois Covered must have a solid fiscal foundation and payment system to make sure today's physicians participate and tomorrow's physicians will want to come to Illinois.

We believe that primary care and preventive services will be the foundation for a healthier Illinois, where every patient will have a medical home. Having a medical home ensures that patients and families stay healthier through preventive exams, screenings and immunizations which can catch problems earlier and better manage chronic conditions. Family physicians provide comprehensive, cost-effective care to all members of the family.

IAFP has been working with health care leaders through the Health Care Justice Task Force to form a solution. And that solution must include workers, families, providers, payers, employers and the government working together for the common goal of a fair system.

A healthier workforce with healthier families is good for Illinois, good for business and good for the economy."

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To arrange an interview with either an IAFP leader or a family physician from your media market, please contact Ginnie Flynn at 630-263-4613 (cell).

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