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Coladipietro, House Approve Medicaid Reforms

Springfield, IL ... State Representative Franco Coladipietro (R-Bloomington) and the Illinois House of Representatives today advanced monumental Medicaid reforms to save taxpayer dollars by eliminating fraud and wasteful spending.

“The state budget cannot maintain paying for the ever-increasing Medicaid program. Nearly 10 percent of all Medicaid dollars are lost to fraud and misuse and these reforms will cut down on the cost without taking away from the quality of health care provided,” said Coladipietro.

The comprehensive legislation, House Bill 5420, which was approved 111-4, is estimated to save \$800 million in Medicaid costs.

Key components of the Medicaid reform bill include:

- Income and residency verification
- Moratorium on new programs and eligibility
- Income limits for All Kids health insurance program to \$66,150 for a family of four
- Move long-term care patients from institutions to community care settings
- Integrate managed care for 50 percent of recipient enrollees

Coladipietro said other states have adopted these same reforms and have seen a decrease on abuse and fraud in Medicaid.

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