**Tip Sheet: Thank Your Legislators Who Voted Yes on Hospital Assessment Program**

IHA urges members to publicly thank their local legislators who voted “Yes” on Senate Bills 1773 and 1573 to continue the Hospital Assessment Program and enhance Medicaid managed care performance transparency – **by posting “Thank you” messages on Facebook and Twitter and by sending a letter to the editor to your local newspaper.**

It is important that the hospital community show its appreciation to those legislators who voted ”Yes” on these critical bills so that the redesigned program can now be submitted to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services for final federal approval.

To see how your legislators voted on SB1773, view the roll call in the Senate (*click here*) and the House (*click here*).

**Tips and Suggestions for Posting “Thank you” Messages on Facebook and Twitter**

Social media is one of the simplest and most visible ways to show your support and appreciation for your State Senator and Representative who voted “Yes” on legislation for the redesigned Hospital Assessment Program. Customize one of the following template Facebook posts and Twitter tweets, tag your legislators, *insert special graphics (download graphic for Facebook here; graphic for Twitter here)*, and send them out on your personal and/or hospital social media accounts.

*(To see the list of Facebook tags and Twitter handles for state legislators,* ***click here*** *for the Senate;* ***click here*** *for the House. Note, some legislators may not have both Facebook tags and Twitter handles – in those cases, simply insert their title and name, e.g. State Rep Joanna Smith.)*

Sample Facebook Posts

Thank you [*tag legislator - example @SenJohnDoe]* for supporting the Illinois hospital community by voting “Yes” on Senate Bills 1773 and 1573 to continue the Hospital Assessment Program. #YesAssessment [*insert graphic*]

We support and thank (*tag legislator - example @RepJaneDoe*) who voted “Yes” Senate Bills 1773 and 1573 to continue the Hospital Assessment Program. #YesAssessment *[insert graphic]*

Sample Tweets (must be 140 characters or less)

Thanks [*insert legislator’s handle - example @RepJaneDoe]* for supporting IL hospitals by voting “Yes” on Senate Bills 1773 & 1573 to continue the Hospital Assessment Program. #YesAssessment *[insert graphic]*

Our hospital appreciates [*insert legislator’s handle - example @SenJohnDoe]* who voted “Yes” on Senate Bills 1773 & 1573 to continue the Hospital Assessment Program. #YesAssessment *[insert graphic]*

[NOTE: Make sure to follow IHA on Twitter and like us on Facebook. Feel free to tag us in any of your posts and tweets. Use #YesAssessment in your messages.]

**Sample Letter to the Editor** (*insert the names of your local legislators who voted “Yes” on SB1773 and 1573*)

To the Editor:

I want to commend our state legislator*(s),* who took very important votes to approve Senate Bills 1773 and 1573 to authorize the continuation of the Hospital Assessment Program, preserving $3.5 billion to support access to hospital care for more than 3 million people insured under the Illinois Medicaid program. Senator (*insert full name*) and Representative (*insert full name*) heard our concerns that the State needs to continue this vital program to ensure that our local residents and all Illinoisans are able to receive healthcare when they need it.

Senator (*last name*) and Representative (*last name*) also understood the need for increasing transparency and oversight in the Medicaid managed care program.

They (*or he/she*) rose to the occasion at a critical time for our State and deserve *(s)* our appreciation and thanks.

Sincerely,

*Name*

*Title*

*Hospital Name*