



Illinois Health and Hospital Association

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Luis Andrade Joins IHA's Government Relations Team

Naperville— Luis Andrade, lead human services and Medicaid analyst for the Office of the Illinois House Speaker, joins the Illinois Health and Hospital Association (IHA) as its director of government relations, effective Aug. 6. Andrade will focus on city of Chicago, Cook County and collar county government relations and also will provide assistance with state advocacy efforts.

“Luis has extensive legislative experience, working with the General Assembly and a variety of key stakeholders, on critical issues impacting healthcare in Illinois,” said David Gross, senior vice president, government relations, IHA. “Having worked with leaders from Cook County Government, the city of Chicago, including the Mayor’s Office, the Chicago Department of Family & Support Services, and the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board, Luis understands the nuances of the political process and the complexities of advocacy on a variety of levels. I am thrilled to have him join our team.”

Andrade has spent the past six years conducting more than 400 legislative bill analyses, as well as dozens of budget summaries for Illinois legislators. He has organized logistics for several public hearings pertaining to Medicaid and healthcare, involving several state and local human services agencies and advocates. Andrade is noted for his ability to break down complex ideas in order to develop persuasive messaging.

Andrade has a bachelor’s in Urban/Public Affairs and Political Science from the University of Illinois at Chicago and a master’s in Public Policy Administration from Northwestern University. He also served five years in the United States Navy.

About IHA

The Illinois Health and Hospital Association, with offices in Chicago, Naperville, Springfield, and Washington, D.C., advocates for Illinois' more than 200 hospitals and nearly 50 health systems as they serve their patients and communities. IHA members provide a broad range of services—not just within their walls, but across the continuum of healthcare and in their communities. Reflecting the diversity of the state, IHA members consist of nonprofit, investor-owned and public hospitals in the following categories: community, safety net, rural, critical access, specialty, and teaching hospitals, including academic medical centers. For more information, see www.team-iha.org. Like IHA on [Facebook](#). Follow IHA on [Twitter](#).

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