



Illinois Public Health Institute

2025 Legislative and Policy Agenda

The Illinois Public Health Institute supports policies that promote cross-sector collaboration to advance health justice, rebuild and support the governmental public health infrastructure, improve multi-sector data sharing, and ensure state investment, planning, and support for disease prevention and health equity. The full IPHI policy platform is available at www.iphionline.org/what-we-do/policy/.

2025 Legislative Priorities Led by IPHI

Disease Prevention and Health Equity:

- Advocate for a \$67 million appropriation (SB1419/ HB2365) in the FY 2026 State budget to fund Healthy School Meals for All (PA 103-0532).

Governmental Public Health Infrastructure:

- Advocate for a \$750,000 appropriation in the Illinois Department of Public Health's (IDPH) budget to support implementation of the State Health Improvement Plan.

Health Data and Infrastructure:

- Advocate for \$4.7 million appropriation to the IDPH budget to support administration of the Healthy Illinois Survey (PA 102-0483).

Legislative/Advocacy Priorities Led by Partners

Disease Prevention and Health Equity:

- Support the Clean & Equitable Transit Act, including the Metropolitan Mobility Authority Act, to reform public transportation governance, structure, and

funding and promote active and safe transportation (led by Active Transportation Alliance).

- Support advancement of the Good Food Purchasing Policy at the state level to influence the way public institutions source food to better support local economies, environmental sustainability, valued workforce, animal welfare, and nutrition (led by the Illinois Food Justice Alliance).
- Support an increase to the SNAP minimum benefit in Illinois (led by the Greater Chicago Food Depository).
- Support paid family and medical leave to ensure the health of parents and babies in the first weeks/months of life as well economic well-being of families.
- Support the "Stop the Increasing Criminalization of Homelessness in Illinois" bill (HB 1429) (led by the Chicago Coalition to End Homelessness).
- Support changes to and appropriations for the Illinois Grocery Initiative Grants (led by Illinois Stewardship Alliance).
- Support appropriations for existing Farm to Food Bank, Local Food Infrastructure, and

Socially Disadvantaged Farmers grant programs.

- Support implementation of Medicaid coverage for lactation support, doula, and home visitor services.
- Advocate for a statewide system of universal newborn supports and services, a coordinated system, and a new standard of care for newborns, postpartum people, and their families (led by EverThrive IL and others).

Governmental Public Health Infrastructure:

- Support funding reform legislation to ensure local health departments have the resources they need to protect and promote health through increases to the Local Health Protection Grants (led by Illinois Public Health Association).
- Support legislation that ensures the Illinois Department of Public Health has the authority to support Health Information Exchange activities.
- Support the Community Partner Fair Contracting Act (led by Forefront).



Cross-Sector Collaboration and Social Determinants of Health:

- Support implementation of the Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Service's Medicaid 1115 waiver that supports coverage of health-related social needs for those most at risk, including access to food and nutrition benefits and housing benefits.
- Advocate for the creation of a state-wide Community Information Exchange (CIE) to support cross-system service collaboration.

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