



## Illinois Health Care Vote Gets Closer Legislators hope to plug \$2.7 billion fiscal hole

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Illinois lawmakers are getting closer to a health care proposal that would significantly cut benefits for the state's poor.

The latest version of the legislation includes a reduction of services to the tune of roughly \$1.3 billion. The measure would reduce care for hundreds of thousands, eliminating it for some.

The bill was proposed by Rep. Sara Feigenholtz (D-Chicago).

The proposal, which is a part of [Senate Bill 2840](#), would additionally reduce payments to nursing homes and hospitals by \$240 million.

A House committee approved the Bill Thursday. A vote by the full House could come soon.

Separate legislation proposing a cigarette tax increase of \$1 is also being considered, [the Chicago Tribune reported](#).

The package, in its entirety, is designed to close a \$2.7 million gap in Medicaid funding to improve the Illinois state budget.

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