

March 4th 2004 is
HEALTH CARE ACTION DAY

Jobs with Justice, Campaign for Better Health Care, IL- AFL-CIO

Take Action on Health Care Today!

Call your Illinois State Representative
and State Senator and tell them to

*“Support the IL Health Care Justice Act
HB 4562 & SB 2581”*

Call the State Capital Switchboard – 1.217.782.2000

Ask to be connected with the name of your State Representative.
Message = support the Health Care Justice Act HB 4562.

After speaking with the office of your State Representative, ask to be
transferred to the name of your State Senator.
Message = support the Health Care Justice Act SB 2581

Find out who your state representative and senator are by calling

1-800-VOTE-SMART
Or go to www.vote-smart.org

**During the two year period of 2001-02,
3.2 million Illinoisans were uninsured for one month or longer;
2.1 million were uninsured for 6 months or more**

(March 2003 Families USA)

What is the Illinois Health Care Justice Act?

HB 4562 and SB 2581

- ➔ The HCJA mandates that universal health care for Illinois be implemented starting July 1, 2007. The bill establishes a bipartisan Task Force to study the current crisis and analyze different solutions, and then present recommendations to the General Assembly.
- ➔ The HCJA passed the IL House of Representatives with bipartisan support in April 2003 and The Illinois General Assembly is considering HCJA during the current Spring 2004 session.
- ➔ The HCJA does not mandate one plan over another. Only public process will determine what the plan will look like. Plans that could be studied for implementation include:
 - ✓ Tax credits for the uninsured
 - ✓ Medical savings accounts
 - ✓ Single-payer (Medicare for all)
 - ✓ Employer mandates
 - ✓ Expansion of KidCare/Family care and other ideas.
- ➔ Total costs for implementing universal health care will be determined by the Task Force, an independent study and the General Assembly. The total cost will be determined by which plan is chosen.
- ➔ Major supporters of the bill include the IL AFL-CIO, the Illinois Academy of Family Physicians, Metropolitan Chicago Health Care Council, the IL Hospital Association and over a hundred other organizations including small businesses

The issue isn't *more money* for health care, but *more health care* for the amount of money that we are currently spending.

Stay Involved! Join the Health Care Justice Campaign - www.cbhconline.org (for fact sheets and other information). List serve – email jduffett@cbhconline.org or call us at 312.913.9449
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