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## **IHA Statement on Governor JB Pritzker's State of the State and Budget Address**

**SPRINGFIELD** - The following statement can be attributed to A.J. Wilhelmi, President and CEO of the Illinois Health and Hospital Association (IHA), in response to Governor JB Pritzker's State of the State and Budget Address.

"The Illinois Health and Hospital Association (IHA) supports Gov. Pritzker's efforts to prioritize patients' ability to secure life-saving medications, rein in prior authorization, and improve access to behavioral healthcare.

Illinois hospitals are the backbone of our state's healthcare delivery system. We must work together to ensure that state funding is preserved to allow hospitals to do what they do best - provide high quality, accessible care for everyone.

IHA looks forward to collaborating with Gov. Pritzker and the Illinois General Assembly to strengthen and protect patient access to healthcare in communities across Illinois."

### **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 40 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](http://www.team-iha.org). Like IHA on [Facebook](#). Follow IHA on [X](#) (formally known as Twitter).

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