

2016 Policy Priorities

Heartland Alliance advocates for policies and programs that end poverty and create opportunity. A strong and sustainable state budget is central to that effort. We support revenue solutions to advance a sustainable state budget and policy solutions that remove barriers and expand access to the tools residents need to build success.

Healthcare

Medicaid Access Monitoring Act: Improves access to care by requiring the state to test how easily Medicaid enrollees can make an appointment with a variety health care professionals (**HB5559**).

Improving Medicaid Transparency and Consumer Support: Ensures Illinois consumers are able to make informed choices about their healthcare by increasing the amount of information available from the state and MCOs (**HB6213**).

Economic Opportunity

Domestic Workers' Bill of Rights: Implements basic worker protections for domestic workers (**HB1288**).

Minimum Wage Increase: Raises the state's minimum wage to improve the lives of Illinois workers and create a more competitive economy.

Survivor Support and Trafficking Prevention Act: Provides survivors of human trafficking, torture and other serious crimes with access to critical benefits while they are waiting for visas (**SB3007**).

Financial Inclusion

Wage Assignments & Consumer Rights: Creates a clearer wage assignment notice, ensuring that consumers know their rights under federal law when they default on a predatory loan (**SB2804**).

Reducing Financial Insecurity During Reentry: Prevents the Department of Corrections from seeking reimbursement for the cost of a person's incarceration (**SB2465**).

Criminal Justice

Removing Barriers to Employment and Education: Ensures that Illinois residents that want to work can work by eliminating barriers to employment and education for residents with a criminal record (**SB42, SB3027, HB4515, HB4360, HB 4446**).

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