



Enhancing mental health accessibility

Senate Bill 1225 (Ellman)

- Adds mental health care workers, teachers, and health care providers to the list of qualifying occupations for parents and guardians to be eligible for the child care assistance program through the Department of Human Services

Senate Bill 1322 (Cervantes)

- Requires the Illinois Student Assistance Commission to award scholarships to diverse students pursuing a mental health professional career to increase diversity rates and recruit individuals to work in mental health fields
 - Students must work at a qualifying mental health job in Illinois for a minimum of two years upon graduation

Senate Bill 2353 (Simmons)

- Ensures there is no limit on the number of visits per week for mental health treatment under private insurance, Medicaid and state employee group health plans

Senate Bill 2287 (Simmons)

- Prohibits private insurers, Medicaid, and state group health plans from charging an individual out-of-pocket costs greater than they would in network if they receive mental health services from a nonparticipating provider or health care facility

Senate Bill 2500 (Peters)

- Extends the implementation deadline of the Community Emergency Services and Support Act to July 1, 2027, ensuring a more thorough and thoughtful rollout of critical services
- Requires new training for mobile mental health relief teams and an updated data collection structure, transforming how mental health emergencies are handled and offering a strong framework for individuals in crisis and the organizations that serve them