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IHA Statement on Governor JB Pritzker's Signature of Fiscal Year 2025 Budget

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 the signing of the Fiscal Year 2025 (FY25) budget package.

"Thank you to Governor JB Pritzker, Illinois Senate President Don Harmon, and Illinois House Speaker Emanuel 'Chris' Welch for their commitment to passing a budget that includes important, much-needed investments in health and healthcare in Illinois.

IHA and the Illinois hospital community applaud the passage and signature of the FY25 budget package, which fully funds the 10% Medicaid rate increase for hospitals enacted last year. It also includes funding for Safety Net Hospitals serving our most vulnerable communities, reinforcing the State's commitment to healthcare equity. We are also pleased the budget includes an increase in Medicaid physician reimbursement rates, which will expand much-needed access to primary healthcare for Illinois' most underserved residents.

Thank you to the Illinois General Assembly. Members of both Chambers listened to the concerns of the hospital community and worked in good faith to protect access to healthcare services in communities across Illinois, increase access to quality healthcare in underserved communities, and ensure hospitals remain the economic cornerstone of towns and cities across the state. This state budget will support Illinois hospitals and their mission to provide all Illinoisans with the quality, compassionate and world-class healthcare they need and deserve."

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

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