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May Passes Medicaid Reforms to Save Money While Improving Services

SPRINGFIELD – State Rep. Karen May (D-Highland Park) unanimously passed legislation out of the House of Representatives recently to reduce government waste and help improve the delivery of healthcare to Medicaid recipients.

“Making sure that affordable health care is accessible to consumers is a fight I will continue to wage until every person in Illinois has the coverage they deserve,” May said. “During the recession, this Medicaid reform will save the state and taxpayers money while streamlining Medicaid so it is more user-friendly.”

House Bill 5054 will require that the Department of Public Aid issue permanent health care coverage cards to individuals instead of issuing monthly cards that force consumers to continually reapply. The legislation would still require the state to determine eligibility month to month to be in compliance with federal law, and will keep these records electronically. The change will save the state money and reduce bureaucratic hassles for over 2 million citizens.

“At a time when people are calling on state government to both improve services and reduce costs I am glad that we can find common sense solutions to meet both of these needs,” May said. “As we continue to consider the state budget, I urge my constituents to share their ideas with my office.”

House Bill 5054 unanimously passed the House and awaits consideration in the Senate. For more information, visit www.ilga.gov, or contact May at (847) 433-9100.

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