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Illinois Rare Disease Commission

Monday December 16, 2024

12:00-1:00 PM

Via Webex

<https://illinois.webex.com/illinois/j.php?MTID=m6175acd91d7060ca71c4b0d5239b61b0>

Agenda

- I. Welcome and Introductions**
- II. Late Submissions**
- III. Adoption of Agenda & Approval of Meeting Minutes (11/18/24)**
- IV. Old Business: HFS Relations**
- V. Public Comment**
- VI. Discussion Annual Report 2024:**

Policy Recommendations

In accordance with the Charge of the Illinois Rare Disease Commission Act of 2017

- a. Drug Coverage and Innovative Therapies**
 - i. State Programs: Assistance/Healthcare Coverage**
 - ii. State Programs: Promoting Quality of Care**
- b. Legislation to Improve Care and Treatment**
- c. Newborn Screening Recommendations:**
 - i. Access to WES/WGS;**
 - ii. insurance coverage (Medicaid/ACA programs); impact on State**
- d. Other Issues: Professional Certification, Office of Management and Budget, Healthcare and Family Services, Ethics; IRDC Act revisions to include**

Approval of 2025 IRDC Meeting Schedule (12-1 pm Virtual via Webex unless specified)

- **WEDNESDAY 22 January 2025**
- **WEDNESDAY 17 February 2025**
- **Wednesday 12 March 2025 in Springfield, IL from 10 am to 12 am**
- **Monday 21 April 2025**
- **Monday 19 May 2025**
- **Monday 16 June 2025**
- **Monday 21 July 2025**
- **Monday 18 August 2025**
- **Monday 15 September 2025**
- **Monday 20 October 2025**
- **Monday 17 November 2025**
- **Monday 15 December 2025**

VII. Announcements

The next meeting will be on WEDNESDAY January 22, 2024, noon to 1:00pm via Webex

VIII. Adjourn



The Illinois Rare Disease Commission was established to increase awareness of rare and orphan diseases that impact the lives of 1 in 4 people. There are more than 8,000 unique and rare disorders that affect many Illinois residents and their families. The commission is made up of representatives from health care professions; people affected with rare disorders, their parents, or caregivers; and government officials.

Pursuant to [410 ILCS 445](#), the commission makes recommendations to the General Assembly in the form of an annual report. Commission activities are extended through 2026, pursuant to Public Act 102-0671 (Section 75). ILCS 445 can be found here: <https://casetext.com/statute/illinois-compiled-statutes/health-and-safety/chapter-410-public-health/diseases/410-ilcs-445-rare-disease-commission-act>

Section 410 ILCS 445/15 - [Section scheduled to be repealed 1/1/2027] Study; recommendations

The Commission shall make recommendations to the General Assembly, in the form of an annual report through 2026, regarding:

- (1) the use of prescription drugs and innovative therapies for children and adults with rare diseases, and specific subpopulations of children or adults with rare diseases, as appropriate, together with recommendations on the ways in which this information should be used in specific State programs that (A) provide assistance or health care coverage to individuals with rare diseases or broader populations that include individuals with rare diseases, or (B) have responsibilities associated with promoting the quality of care for individuals with rare diseases or broader populations that include individuals with rare diseases;
- (2) legislation that could improve the care and treatment of adults or children with rare diseases;
- (3) in coordination with the Genetic and Metabolic Diseases Advisory Committee, the screening of newborn children for the presence of genetic disorders; and
- (4) any other issues the Commission considers appropriate.

The Commission shall submit its annual report to the General Assembly no later than December 31 of each year.