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**ILLINOIS HEALTH AND HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION
STATE ADVOCACY UPDATE**

TO: Chief Executive Officers, Member Hospitals and Health Systems
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SUBJECT: **Illinois House Overrides Governor's Vetoes on Budget, Taxes**

For the first time in more than two years, Illinois now has a full state budget. This afternoon, the Illinois House voted to override the Governor's vetoes of three key bills on appropriations, revenues and budget implementation for the new fiscal year that started on July 1. The Senate had previously voted to override the vetoes, so the bills go into effect as originally passed by both chambers of the General Assembly.

IHA supported the enactment of all three bills, which includes sufficient appropriations and revenues to support healthcare. The bills include:

- Senate Bill 6 – \$36 billion appropriations bill – NO cuts to Medicaid and funds state employee group health in FY2018 [see [House override roll call vote here \(74-37\)](#)];
- Senate Bill 9 – tax bill – raises nearly \$5 billion in new revenues; increases individual income tax from 3.75 to 4.95 percent and corporate income tax from 5.25 to 7 percent [see [House override roll call vote here \(71-42\)](#)]; and
- Senate Bill 42 – budget implementation bill – includes a \$6 billion increase in the state's general obligation debt to begin paying down the state's \$15 billion bill backlog. The borrowing plan is required to be implemented prior to Dec. 31, 2017 and is to be used to pay vouchers incurred by the state prior to July 1, 2017 [see [House override roll call vote here \(71-41\)](#)].

IHA urges members to contact and thank their local legislators who voted Yes on overriding the vetoes to end the state's 737-day long budget impasse. To look up your state legislators and their contact information, [click here](#), and fill in your location information in the "Find Officials" box.

[See Senate override roll call votes: [Senate Bill 6](#); [Senate Bill 9](#); and [Senate Bill 42](#).]