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**Statement from A.J. Wilhelmi, President & CEO
Illinois Health and Hospital Association
Re: State Budget**

The Illinois Health and Hospital Association (IHA) and the hospital community commend the General Assembly for taking final action on the state budget. We thank legislators, on both sides of the aisle, who took very difficult votes to resolve the state's budget impasse.

We appreciate that the General Assembly successfully worked for a comprehensive budget solution – including enhanced revenues – without damaging cuts to healthcare.

A full state budget helps support healthcare as well as critical social services provided in communities across the state.

IHA and the hospital community look forward to continue working with the General Assembly and the Governor on issues of critical concern for a viable and innovative healthcare delivery system that provides high-quality services to all Illinoisans.

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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 50 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 public hospitals in the following categories: community, safety net, rural, critical access, specialty, and teaching hospitals, including academic medical centers. For more information, see www.team-iha.org. Like IHA on [Facebook](#). Follow IHA on [Twitter](#).