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Collins passes emergency funding bill for safety net hospitals

Measure appropriates \$40 million to Illinois hospitals, including Holy Cross

SPRINGFIELD, IL – State Senator Jacqueline Y. Collins (D - 16th District) today passed an emergency funding bill to keep safety net hospitals running in Illinois.

Collins sponsored the measure, an amendment to House Bill 5151, to provide relief for hospitals struggling due to a lack of funding. The bill allocates a total of \$40 million from the Tobacco Settlement Recovery Fund to the Department of Healthcare and Family Services to fund a catastrophic relief payment program.

“Safety net hospitals throughout Illinois, including Holy Cross Hospital in my Senate District, are at risk of closing their doors because of a lack of state funding,” Collins said. “It is absolutely unacceptable that hospitals serving some of our most vulnerable populations are facing the possibility of closure. That’s why I sponsored legislation appropriating \$40 million to keep hospitals like Holy Cross running, and to ensure they continue to provide vital care and services to the residents of this state.”

The measure directs funding to safety net hospitals in Illinois that are not a publically owned, not part of a multiple-hospital network, and that meet certain Medicaid utilization requirements. The exact payments to eligible hospitals are determined by the Department of Healthcare and Family Services.

It bill now awaits the Governor’s signature before becoming law.

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