



News From State Representative Dennis Reboletti

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Reboletti Passes Bill to Reform Medicaid

Legislation would cut fraud, abuse from program, saving Illinois taxpayers

Addison, IL ... State Representative Dennis Reboletti (R-Elmhurst) sponsored and passed legislation out of the General Assembly calling for a forensic audit of Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program.

"Illinois spends 25 percent of the state's budget on the Medicaid program. Forensic auditing would cut out abuse and waste in the Medicaid system, ultimately saving the state a billion dollars," said Reboletti.

House Bill 5242 calls for a forensic audit to be conducted by an independent accounting company no later than January 2011 to identify inefficiencies in the Medicaid program and find payments made in error or as a result of fraud or abuse.

Reboletti said the *New York Times* recently conducted a study showing nearly 10-percent of Medicaid funding may be fraudulent equaling \$1.3 billion in Illinois.

The legislation passed the House and Senate and now awaits approval from the Governor.

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