Key State of Illinois Health Insurance Legislation
– Passed Both Chambers and Signed into Law

**HB 953**
**PA 95-972**
- Amends the Illinois Insurance Code (applies to all fully insured business)
- Requires coverage of treatment for mental, emotional, or nervous disorders or conditions by a licensed marriage and family therapist when the insurance covers mental, emotional, or nervous disorders or conditions
- Effective date is September 22, 2008 (for new business and renewals on or after effective date)

**HB 1432**
**PA 95-973**
- Amends the Illinois Insurance Code (applies to all fully insured business)
- Changes the definition of "serious mental illness" to include anorexia nervosa and bulimia
- Effective January 1, 2009 (for new business and renewals on or after effective date)

**HB 4602**
**PA 95-978**
- Amends the Illinois State Employees Group Insurance Act, the Counties Code, the Illinois Municipal Code, the School Code, the Illinois Insurance Code, the HMO Act, and the Voluntary Health Services Plans Act
- Requires coverage for a shingles vaccine approved by the FDA (if ordered by a licensed physician and the enrollee is 60+ years of age)
- Effective January 1, 2009 (for new business and renewals on or after effective date)

**HB 5285**
**PA 95-958**
- Amends the State Employees Group Insurance Act, the Counties Code, the Illinois Municipal Code, the School Code, the Illinois Insurance Code, the HMO Act, and the Voluntary Health Services Plans Act
- Requires continuation of coverage for a dependent college student who takes a medical leave of absence or reduces his or her course load to part-time because of a catastrophic illness or injury (for 12 months)
- Effective June 1, 2009 (for new business and renewals on or after effective date)

**SB 2380**
**PA 95-965**
- Creates the Hospital Uninsured Patient Discount Act
- Attempts to provide "substantial relief" to the uninsured by dramatically cutting hospital charges for the uninsured by 35 percent to 65 percent; places an annual cap on the amount that hospitals can collect from eligible uninsured patients
- Effective January 1, 2009

**SB 2399**
**PA 95-927**
- Similar to the federal law, GINA, changes to current law extend the law to all Illinois employers, labor unions and licensing bodies; bans employers from seeking genetic information of job applicants and their family members; and prohibits employers from hiring, firing, demoting or retaliating against applicants and employees based on their genetic profile or a family member’s genetic profile
- Effective January 1, 2009