



## **Illinois Free Clinics Express Gratitude to Governor Pritzker for Investment in Free and Charitable Clinics and Healthcare Affordability Initiatives**

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE - from the desk of Melissa Maguire, Executive Director**

**Thursday, February 20, 2025**— On behalf of more than 50 free clinics across the state, the Illinois Association of Free and Charitable Clinics (IAFCC) commends Governor JB Pritzker for his leadership in delivering a fiscally responsible and balanced budget that prioritizes the health and well-being of Illinois residents. We extend our sincere gratitude for recognizing free and charitable clinics (FCCs) as a vital component of the state’s healthcare safety net by recommending \$6.75 million in the FY26 budget.

Free and charitable clinics serve as a trusted and indispensable resource for uninsured and underinsured Illinoisans, adapting and expanding to meet the evolving healthcare needs of their communities. These clinics are uniquely positioned to provide high-quality, community-centered care with flexibility and efficiency.

Governor Pritzker’s commitment to addressing healthcare affordability— not only by supporting our clinics but also through initiatives such as retroactive medical debt relief, reforms to insurance pre-authorizations, behavioral health cost caps, and pharmaceutical pricing—takes significant strides toward a fully accessible and equitable healthcare system. Healthcare is a fundamental human right, and with your support, IAFCC remains committed to ensuring that all uninsured and underinsured Illinoisans can access the care they need.

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