



June 6, 2018

The Honorable Bruce Rauner
Governor, State of Illinois
State Capitol Room 207
Springfield, IL 62706

Dear Governor Rauner:

On behalf of the physician members of the Illinois State Medical Society (ISMS), I strongly urge you to sign House Bill 4911 into law. House Bill 4911 amends the *Health Care Services Lien Act* to include accredited ambulatory surgical treatment facilities in the list of entities authorized to file health care liens.

Under current law, only licensed health care facilities, such as hospitals and ambulatory surgical treatment centers, are listed in the definition of "health care providers" that are able to file liens pursuant to the provisions of the *Health Care Services Lien Act*. Ambulatory surgical treatment *facilities* are small facilities that function like ambulatory surgical treatment *centers*, but do not require a certificate of need the way ambulatory surgical centers do. However, because they are not a licensed health care facility, they are legally unable to file a lien for the amount of the facility's reasonable charges House Bill 4911 would address this inequity by extending the definition of "health care providers" in the *Health Care Services Lien Act*.

House Bill 4911 amends the *Health Care Services Lien Act* by adding to the definition of "health care provider" ambulatory surgical treatment facilities accredited by one of the following organizations: the American Association for the Accreditation of Ambulatory Surgical Facilities; the Joint Commission (formerly the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations); the Healthcare Facilities Accreditation Program; or the Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care.

There is no opposition to House Bill 4911 and it passed both chambers unanimously.

On behalf of the physicians of Illinois, ISMS respectfully asks that you sign House Bill 4911 into law.

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