

Illinois Health Connect is now **mandatory** in the Cook and Collar Counties (DuPage, Grundy, Kane, Kankakee, Kendall, Lake, McHenry and Will). Mandatory Illinois Health Connect will follow in the Northwestern Region of Illinois and then in the Central and Southern Regions of the state. Illinois Health Connect incorporates the concept of providing each client in the program with a “medical home” through a Primary Care Provider (PCP).

Beginning **February 16, 2007**, client enrollment and choice education materials will be mailed to most HFS and All Kids Medical Card holders in the Cook and the Collar Counties requesting that they pick a medical home. Clients in the Managed Care (VMC) Counties will receive their choice education and enrollment packets from the Illinois Client Enrollment Broker. Clients in all other Counties will receive their enrollment packets from Illinois Health Connect.

In the Managed Care Counties (Cook, Madison, Perry, Randolph, St. Clair and Washington Counties), most clients will be able to pick a health plan (Illinois Health Connect or an MCO) and a PCP for their medical home. In all other Counties, clients will pick a PCP in Illinois Health Connect for their medical home.

The client enrollment packets will provide education and information on the clients health care choices, instructions on how to pick a PCP, and health plan if applicable, and how to enroll. Clients will be required to select a PCP and health plan if applicable, for their medical home within 60 days from the date the initial enrollment packet is mailed. If a client does not pick a medical home, they will be assigned to a medical home.

Clients in the Managed Care Counties can choose a health plan and PCP and enroll through the Illinois Client Enrollment Broker by:

- Calling the Illinois Client Enrollment Broker Client Helpline at 1-877-912-8880, (TTY:1-866-565-8576). The call is free.
- Completing and mailing the enrollment form to the Illinois Client Enrollment Broker in the envelope provided.
- Enrolling online at www.illinoisceb.com.
- Contacting an Illinois Client Enrollment Broker representative at certain DHS Local Offices.

Clients in all other Counties can pick a PCP and enroll through Illinois Health Connect by:

- Calling the Illinois Health Connect Client Helpline at 1-877-912-1999, (TTY: 1-866-565-8577). The call is free.
- Completing and mailing the enrollment form in the envelope provided to Illinois Health Connect.
- Enrolling online at www.illinoishealthconnect.com.
- Contacting an Illinois Health Connect representative at certain DHS Local Offices.

More information on Illinois Health Connect is provided in the attached Illinois Health Connect Fact Sheet.