



Durbin, Duckworth Announce More Than \$739 Million In Hospital Funding For COVID-19 Care In Illinois

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WASHINGTON – U.S. Senators Dick Durbin (D-IL) and Tammy Duckworth (D-IL) today announced that Illinois will receive a total of \$739,971,747 in federal funding to support hospitals in Illinois providing COVID-19 care in communities across Illinois. The funding comes from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' (HHS) Health Provider Relief Fund and will help support more than 60 hospitals serving areas treating a large number of COVID-19 patients – many of which are communities of color.

“After a flawed process of distributing critical funds provided by Congress, I recently called Secretary Azar to push HHS to release this funding so hospitals in Illinois that are caring for a larger number of COVID-19 patients have the support they need on the frontlines of this pandemic,” Durbin said. “Senator Duckworth and I will continue working to ensure our state has the resources it needs to get through this crisis – especially for Black and Brown communities that have been disproportionately impacted by COVID-19.”

“Our hospitals and healthcare workers continue to be on the front lines of the COVID-19 pandemic, and more funding is critical to ensure all Illinoisans have access to reliable care, especially in Black and Brown communities that have been disproportionately impacted,” Duckworth said. “I’m proud to join Senator Durbin in continuing our work to secure important federal funding to help Illinois make it through this public health crisis.”

A full list of hospitals in Illinois receiving funding is available [HERE](#). To date, HHS has awarded more than \$4 billion to hospitals and health providers across Illinois out of the Provider Relief Fund created by Congress through the CARES Act.

