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CHICAGO – U.S. Senator Dick Durbin will release a new report about the Trump administration’s deliberate efforts to undermine and sabotage the Affordable Care Act (ACA), and their impact on Illinois. The report will highlight the steps the Administration has taken since Inauguration Day to create uncertainty in our health care system—including last week’s executive order that promotes “bare-bones” plans, which lack essential health benefit coverage (mental health treatment, maternity care, etc.) and the termination of cost-sharing reduction (CSR) payments, which help working class families afford health insurance in the individual market. Without the CSR payments, the non-partisan Congressional Budget Office estimates that one million people will lose insurance, insurers will flee the individual market, and premiums will increase 20 percent next year alone.

Despite the President’s ongoing efforts to destroy our health care system, open enrollment for 2018 begins on November 1 and lasts until December 15. Illinoisans in need of individual market plans for next year should plan accordingly.

Durbin will be joined by leadership from Saint Anthony Hospital, local health care advocates, and individuals who have benefitted from the ACA.

DATE:

Friday, October 20

TIME:

11:00 AM

LOCATION:

Saint Anthony Hospital
Physicians Lounge
2875 West 19th Street
Chicago, IL