



COOK COUNTY  
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# SYSTEM NEWS

July 2023

## Letter from the CEO

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Dear Cook County Health friends and partners,

I am proud to announce that Cook County Health was recently recognized by the American Heart Association and the American College of Surgeons for the quality care we provide our patients.

Cook County Health received the American Heart Association's **Get With The Guidelines® - Heart Failure Gold Plus** quality achievement award for its commitment to improving outcomes for patients with heart failure and stroke.

Our cardiology team has been doing amazing work in the care of patients with heart disease, including establishing a transcatheter mitral valve repair (MitraClip) program and providing patients access to **TAVR procedures**. We are grateful to be recognized by the AHA for ensuring patients receive the high-quality, emergent services they need.

In addition, Stroger Hospital was reaccredited by the Commission on Cancer (CoC), which is a prestigious recognition awarded to cancer programs that demonstrate a commitment to providing high-quality, comprehensive cancer care.

Accreditation by the CoC signifies that a cancer program meets or exceeds stringent criteria set forth by the organization, ensuring that patients receive exceptional care throughout their cancer journey. This accreditation serves as a mark of distinction and assures patients and their families that they are receiving care from a program that adheres to the highest standards of cancer treatment, research, and patient support.

I am grateful to our cardiology, neurology, and oncology teams, and all of our staff who support these programs by providing exceptional care every day. Cook County Health is working diligently to make the health system a provider of choice, and clinical recognitions such as these help demonstrate the high-quality care we offer. We strive to care for our patients like family because, at Cook County Health, **your health has a home**.



Sincerely,



Israel Rocha, Jr.  
CEO

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## Provident Hospital to Celebrate 30 Years

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On Thursday, August 10, Cook County leaders will celebrate the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Provident Hospital.

Provident Hospital has a proud history of providing quality health care to those who need it most on the South Side of Chicago. Since Dr. Daniel Hale Williams worked to open the hospital in 1891, Provident Hospital has been the site of many notable health care milestones, including the first nursing school for Black women in Chicago and the site of the nation's first open-heart surgery.

Today, as an affiliate of Cook County Health, Provident Hospital of Cook County provides a wide array of health care services to the residents of Cook County, particularly residents in the Grand Boulevard neighborhood and on the South Side of Chicago.

If you would like to attend the August 10 event honoring Provident Hospital's anniversary as part of Cook County Health please email [rsvp@cookcountyhhs.org](mailto:rsvp@cookcountyhhs.org). The event will take place at 1 pm in the Provident Hospital cafeteria.

You can also check out our anniversary-themed float at next month's Bud Billiken Parade. Cook County Health will be providing medical support along the parade route.

You are cordially invited to join us in celebrating the  
**30th Anniversary**  
of  
**Provident Hospital of Cook County**



**Provident Hospital Cafeteria**  
500 East 51st Street  
Chicago, IL 60615

**Thursday, August 10, 2023**  
**1PM**

R.S.V.P. via email to [rsvp@cookcountyhhs.org](mailto:rsvp@cookcountyhhs.org)

**President Toni Preckwinkle**  
Cook County Board of Commissioners

**Commissioner Dennis Deer**  
Cook County Board of Commissioners  
Vice Chair, Cook County Health  
Board of Directors

**Commissioner Bill Lowry**  
Cook County Board of Commissioners

**Chair Lyndon Taylor**  
Cook County Health Board of Directors

**Israel Rocha, CEO**  
Cook County Health

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## Cook County Health Launches New Procurement Portal

Cook County Health (CCH) Supply Chain Management is using a **new procurement portal** that will allow companies to access business opportunities and submit bids and proposals to CCH easily online. **Current and potential vendors are asked to register with the new portal by September 1, 2023.**

To register, visit **CCH's new Procurement portal by clicking here** and follow the instructions to register your company under "New Vendor Registration". Registration is easy and free. If you have any challenges with the registration process, please contact portal support at **support@gobonfire.com**. Registration on the new site will give you visibility into current opportunities and provide enhanced vendor communication and email notifications regarding upcoming opportunities based on the preferences that each vendor selects.

This web-based portal will replace the current CCH "**Doing Business with Cook County Health – Bids & RFPs**" online vendor system. All contract opportunities issued by CCH will only be available for download and submission using the new portal starting this fall.

CCH is excited about the improvements we are making to streamline our electronic bid/proposal process. We appreciate your ongoing interest in partnering us!

Should you have any questions, please contact **purchasing@cookcountyhhs.org**.

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## Upcoming Medicaid Redetermination Events

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Medicaid members have not had to renew their Medicaid coverage since the COVID-19 pandemic began. With the end of the COVID-19 public health emergencies, Medicaid members will now have to renew their coverage between May 2023 and April 2024, depending on their redetermination date.

To help eligible members stay covered, CountyCare and CCH are hosting redetermination events to help individuals complete their paperwork. Help us spread the word about the upcoming events! If you have any questions, call 312-864-7333.

You can find more details about redetermination, support events, as well as provider and patient resources in multiple languages here: **Medicaid Redetermination Information**.



# Keep your medical coverage



Watch for your redetermination forms in the mail from the State of Illinois. Scan here to complete them online at [abe.illinois.gov](http://abe.illinois.gov). Or, attend one of our redetermination events. We will get copies of your renewal forms and help you submit them.

DATE	CLINIC LOCATION	ADDRESS
August 1, 2023   10AM-2PM	Chicago Family	9119 S. Exchange Ave., Chicago, IL 60617
August 3, 2023   10AM-2PM	Friend Health	6250 South Cottage Grove Ave., Chicago, IL 60637
August 4, 2023   10AM-2PM	Blue Island Health Center	12757 S Western Ave., Blue Island, IL 60406
August 7, 2023   10AM-2PM	Stroger Hospital	1969 W. Ogden Ave., Chicago, IL 60612
August 8, 2023   10AM-2PM	Hamdard Health Alliance	1542 W. Devon Ave., Chicago, IL 60660
August 10, 2023   10AM-2PM	Belmont Cragin Health Center	5501 W. Fullerton Ave., Chicago, IL 60639
August 11, 2023   10AM-2PM	Englewood Health Center	1135 W. 69th St., Chicago, IL 60621
August 14, 2023   10AM-2PM	Austin Health Center	4800 W. Chicago Ave., Chicago, IL 60651
August 15, 2023   10:30AM-1PM	Primecare Health Center	5635 West Belmont Ave., Chicago, IL 60660
August 16, 2023   10AM-2PM	Cottage Grove Health Center	1645 S Cottage Grove Ave., Ford Heights, IL 60411
August 17, 2023   10AM-2PM	Care for Friends	5749 N. Kenmore Ave., Chicago, IL 60660
August 18, 2023   10AM-2PM	Arlington Heights	3520 N. Arlington Heights Rd., Arlington Heights, IL 60004
August 21, 2023   10AM-2PM	North Riverside Health Center	1800 S. Harlem Ave., North Riverside, IL 60546
August 22, 2023   10AM-2PM	Robbins Health Center	13450 S Kedzie Ave., Robbins, IL 60472
August 23, 2023   10AM-2PM	Provident Hospital/Sengstacke H.C.	500 W. 51st St., Chicago, IL 60615
August 24, 2023   10AM-2PM	Friend Health Pulaski	5635 S Pulaski Rd., Chicago, IL 60629
August 25, 2023   10AM-2PM	Englewood Health Center	1135 W. 69th St., Chicago, IL 60621
August 29, 2023   10:30AM-1PM	Lawndale Christian Health Center	3750 W. Ogden Ave., Chicago, IL 60623
August 30, 2023   10:30AM-1PM	Stroger Hospital	1969 W. Ogden Ave., Chicago, IL 60612

We will have your forms ready at the event. Call us to RSVP at 312-864-REDE (7333).

Beware of scams. Illinois will never ask you for money to renew or apply for Medicaid. Report scams to the Medicaid fraud hotline at 1-844-453-7283/1-844-ILFRAUD.

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Call the CountyCare Redetermination Hotline with questions: (312) 864-REDE (7333)

## Awards and Recognitions

### Cook County Health Earns National Recognition for Heart, Stroke and Cancer Care

Cook County Health received the American Heart Association's **Association's Get With The Guidelines® - Heart Failure Gold Plus** quality achievement award for its commitment to improving outcomes for patients with heart failure and stroke. The health

institution also received the Commission on Cancer (CoC) accreditation from the American College of Surgeons for its high-quality, comprehensive cancer care.

"These are tremendous honors for our health system and true testaments to the dedication and expertise of our exceptional health care team," said Israel Rocha, CEO of Cook County Health. "These recognitions reflect our unwavering commitment to providing the highest quality of care to our patients. We are immensely proud of the achievements of our care team. Together, we will continue to raise the bar in health care and provide the best possible care to our community."

"We provide the highest standard of care for patients battling heart failure, stroke and cancer," said Dr. Claudia Fegan, Chief Medical Officer at Cook County Health. "These recognitions showcase our relentless pursuit of excellence in providing quality care, particularly in areas where we see the largest gaps in health equity: heart, stroke and cancer care. It motivates us to continue delivering exceptional care to every patient who walks through our doors."

### ***NACo Achievement Awards***

Cook County Health earned eight 2022 Achievement Awards from the National Association of Counties for a variety of programs that improve the health and well-being of Cook County communities. Recognized programs include:

- Asylum seeker health care response
- Brighter Beginnings
- Care management software implementation
- COVID-19 analytics response
- Families in It Together (FIT)
- Food as medicine
- LINKJA (record-linkage system)
- Nursing business operations and finance structure development

### ***Staff Recognition***

- Shannon Andrews, Chief Equity & Inclusion Officer, was recognized with a Health Equity & Wellness Trailblazer Award at the 2023 Juneteenth IL celebration. Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle was among the other honorees at the event. The award is bestowed upon leaders who advance health equity initiatives across Cook County and Illinois.
- Dr. Maha Elsebaie received the Annual Meeting Merit Award from Conquer Cancer, the foundation for the American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO). Merit Awards recognize oncology trainees and students whose research is addressed in high-quality abstracts submitted to the ASCO and recognized for their scientific merit.
- Israel Rocha, CCH CEO, was recognized as one of Crain's Chicago Business' 2023 Notable Leaders in Health Care. Mr. Rocha was selected for his leadership in responding to the COVID-19 pandemic, his commitment to addressing health disparities, and improving the well-being of Cook County residents.

## **Flavored Liquid Nicotine Sale Restricted in Unincorporated Cook County**

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On May 25, 2023, the Cook County Board of Commissioners amended the Cook County Youth Tobacco Control Ordinance (Ord. 14-1421), restricting the sale of all flavored liquid nicotine products used in e-cigarettes and vapes.

Beginning July 23, 2023, tobacco retailers in unincorporated suburban Cook County will no longer be able to sell flavored liquid nicotine products. Retailers who violate the new amendment will be subject to a fine of up to \$5,000 per offense.

Smoking causes about 90 percent of all lung cancer deaths in the United States. Restricting the sale of flavored liquid nicotine products will help prevent:

- Use of tobacco products – the leading cause of preventable diseases and deaths in the U.S.
- Young people from becoming addicted to nicotine and harming the parts of their developing brains that control attention, learning, mood, and impulse control.
- Tobacco-related health disparities among populations targeted by tobacco advertising.

To ensure compliance, Cook County Department of Public Health (CCDPH), in collaboration with the Cook County Sheriff's Department will conduct random, unannounced inspections at locations where tobacco products are sold. CCDPH also launched an outreach and awareness campaign to inform the licensed tobacco retailers and the public about changes to this ordinance. **For more information, click here.**

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Tobacco retailers in unincorporated Cook County will **no longer** be able to sell flavored liquid nicotine products.



Cook County DEPT. OF Public Health

Use of tobacco products is the leading cause of preventable diseases and deaths in the U.S.



## Save the Date: Cook County Health Foundation Gala

Save the date for the Cook County Health Foundation's Annual Gala on October 25, 2023, at the Hyatt Regency Chicago. More details to come.

For sponsorship information, visit [cchealthfoundation.org](https://cchealthfoundation.org).



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Save the Date

10.25.23

*A New Era of Health Equity*

Cook County Health Foundation Annual Gala

*Ruth Rothstein Award Honoree:*

Jerry Reinsdorf

October 25th , 2023

Cocktails 5:30 pm | Dinner & Program 6:30 pm

Hyatt Regency Chicago | Crystal Ballroom | 151 E Wacker Dr | Chicago, IL

Thank you to our  
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<https://www.cchealthfoundation.org>

**Your Health Has a Home Campaign Launches in  
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## Your Health Has A Home ENGLEWOOD HEALTH CENTER

Now accepting new pediatric & primary care patients  
at Englewood Health Center



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## Su Salud Tiene Un Hogar CENTRO DE SALUD DE NORTH RIVERSIDE

Hay citas disponibles para cuidado médico primario,  
obstetricia y ginecología en el Centro de Salud de  
North Riverside

Cook County Health has launched a new marketing campaign to increase awareness about the health system's network of health centers in Chicago and suburban Cook County.

Home is where your heart is, and Cook County Health is where your health care could be. Having your health care providers nearby, particularly for primary care and pediatric services, is essential to ensuring convenient care for you and your family. CCH has more than one dozen community health centers across Chicago and suburban Cook County. The campaign, "Your Health Has A Home," is geared towards communities in proximity to CCH health centers through digital and out-of-home advertisements.

To learn more, [visit our website](https://www.cookcountyhealth.org/yourhealthhasahome).



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科和妇产科预约服务。

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[cookcountyhealth.org/yourhealthhasahome](https://www.cookcountyhealth.org/yourhealthhasahome)

## Cook County Leaders Announce Federal Funding to Support Urgent Care

On July 6, U.S. Congressman Raja Krishnamoorthi joined Cook County leaders to announce plans for an urgent care facility within the Cook County Health Arlington Heights Health Center.

Federal funds secured by Congressman Krishnamoorthi will help provide for equipment needed to provide urgent care services. Stay tuned for more updates!



## Cook County Health Partner News

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### *Upcoming IMD Community Workshops*

The Illinois Medical District (IMD) on Chicago's west side is beginning work on new **Wayfinding and Signage** master plan and is looking for feedback from the community. **Upcoming** interactive Community Workshop will allow residents to share images, stories, and help shape the future of signage in the IMD.

#### **East Garfield / West Loop**

Saturday, July 29 from 2 - 4 p.m.  
Manning Library  
6 S Hoyne Ave, Chicago, IL 60612

#### **Little Italy / UIC**

Saturday, August 12 from 2 - 4 p.m.  
Little Italy Library  
1336 W Taylor St, Chicago, IL 60607

#### **Tri-Taylor**

Saturday, August 19 from 2 - 4 p.m.  
Muse Coffee Studio  
747 S Western Ave, Chicago, IL 60612

To learn more, visit the Wayfinding and Signage Master Plan website [here](#). For questions, please contact [IMDwayfinding@medicaldistrict.org](mailto:IMDwayfinding@medicaldistrict.org).

## Cook County Health in the News

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**Chicago Tribune**



Newspaper  
**La Raza**  
Chicago's Leading Hispanic Publication

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**ABC 7 Chicago:** 'A game-changer': Chicago-area doctor reacts to FDA approving over-the-counter birth control

**VeryWell Health:** Study: Benefits of Daily Aspirin May Not Outweigh the Risks

**LaRaza:** Funcionarios de salud pública del Condado de Cook anuncian expansión de servicios en Centro de Salud de Arlington Heights

**Chicago Tribune:** Family Guidance Centers outreach van hits south suburban streets to offer opioid reversal drug, resources

**Crain's Chicago Business Health Pulse:** Cook County Expanding Access with Suburban Urgent Care

**Café Mom:** What Parents Need To Know About Air Quality & Dangerous Wildfire Smoke From Canada

**Cook County Health is hiring!**

To learn more about a career with CCH, [click here!](#)



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