

My main concern to this new change in the Illinois Medicaid program is the possibility of losing all my current doctors because they're currently not signed on as providers with one of the two health plans we are required to choose. I checked with the Illinois Client Enrollment Broker and found none of my current doctors (all accept Illinois Medicaid) are part of the plan I'm enrolled in. Now, these doctors must apply as a provider to my chosen plan or I won't be able to see them anymore. I understand that I have 90 days after July 1, 2011 to still see them and they have the choice to sign up. However, this is very impractical for me since I'm an organ transplant patient, requiring very specialized care from these doctors on an ongoing basis who I've been seeing for years and I trust. Now, I'm being required to choose doctors and hospitals I've never been to. I find it discomfoting if my current doctors may refuse to sign on as a provider for my plan and I'll be limited to unknown doctors and hospitals unfamiliar with my extensive health history.

Sincerely,

Private Citizen