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## **CALL TO ACTION: SLIP IN SUPPORT OF THE HUMAN SERVICES EQUITABLE PAY ACT**

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Illinois Partners bill [HB4912](#), the [Human Service Equitable Pay Act](#), has been called for a subject matter hearing in the Human Services Committee on **Thursday April 11th at 9 AM.**

The Human Service Equitable Pay Act was created in response to the struggles community-based providers experience partnering with the state, where contracts do not reflect ever-increasing costs of living or the costs of delivering essential services. These contracts also often reflect vastly lower rates of pay than for state employees performing similar work, creating a disparity in how the state values work depending on who performs it. This legislation seeks to eliminate the pay disparity that exists between the salaries of human service professionals across the sector, and establish a Human Services Compensation Taskforce to provide recommendations for workforce recruitment and retention.

While this bill did not move out of committee, this subject matter hearing is an opportunity to highlight pay disparities in human services and let our legislators know that we support pay equity across our sector.

**[CLICK HERE TO SUBMIT A WITNESS SLIP IN SUPPORT OF HB4912](#)**

Make sure to fill out the personal information, **click the "select subject matter" drop down menu, click HB4912 in the drop down, and click the boxes that say "Proponent" and "Record of Appearance Only."**

If you are in Springfield, please attend this hearing to show your support (Stratton Building Room D-1).

Please email [lauren@illinoispartners.org](mailto:lauren@illinoispartners.org) if you have any questions. **Thank you for your support!**



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