



Sickle Cell Advocacy/legislative Update!

What?

The Sickle Cell Prevention, Care, and Treatment Program Act.

As you know, last year, we introduced the Sickle Cell Prevention, Care, and Treatment Program Act (SCPCTA) and we almost passed it. We are going to try again this year.

- **On 1/29/2021** Representative Mary Flowers Re-Introduced the SCPCTA as HB362.
- **On 2/9/2021** Senator Mattie Hunter Re-Introduced the SCPCTA as SB0173

Why?

The SCPCTA language is currently live in four bills:

- HB362 and;
- SB0173 and;
- Two versions of the Illinois Legislative Black Caucus' healthcare agenda legislation.

Here is a link to the **House Bill HB362**

<https://ilga.gov/legislation/BillStatus.asp?DocNum=362&GAID=16&DocTypeID=HB&LegId=128273&SessionID=110&GA=102>

Here is a link to the **Senate Bill SB0173**

<https://www.ilga.gov/legislation/BillStatus.asp?GA=102&DocTypeID=SB&DocNum=173&GAID=16&SessionID=110&LegID=129244>

How?

We **NEED** the ENTIRE ILLINOIS SICKLE CELL COMMUNITY, HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS/PROFESSIONALS, SUPPORTERS, RESEARCHERS, EDUCATORS, COMMUNITY LEADERS & ADVOCATES to collectively push, promote and encourage our local representatives to support these bills! Please reach out to your local State Representatives and ask them to support House Bill HB362 & Senate Bill SB0173 (links to the Bills are provided above) by co-sponsoring the bills! Co-sponsoring means that a legislator publicly puts their name on the bill. Also, FYI as we get closer and grow the Bill, we will also again be asking for witness slips to be completed in support of the bill(s).

***Thanks in advance, TaLana Hughes, MPH Executive Director, SCDAI Staff, SCDAI Board of Directors, Community liaisons & Volunteers!**
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