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## ATTORNEY GENERAL MADIGAN SEEKS EMERGENCY INJUNCTION TO COMPEL FEDERAL ADMINISTRATION TO FOLLOW LAW AND PAY AMERICANS' INSURANCE PLAN SUBSIDIES

**Chicago** — In light of the federal administration's abrupt refusal to make the October cost-sharing subsidy payments required by the Affordable Care Act, Attorney General Lisa Madigan today filed a motion to compel the federal government to follow the law and pay the subsidies that millions of Americans rely on to lower the out-of-pocket costs in their insurance plans.

"I will not stand by while the federal administration breaks the law by refusing to make required payments that keep healthcare affordable for Illinois residents," Madigan said.

The Affordable Care Act's mandatory cost-sharing subsidy payments help working families access more affordable healthcare coverage by helping individuals with incomes between \$11,880 and \$29,700 enroll in plans with lower deductibles, copayments or coinsurance, reducing their out-of-pocket costs.

Last week, Madigan was part of a coalition of 19 attorneys general that sued the administration over its abrupt decision to sabotage the Affordable Care Act by refusing to make the cost-sharing subsidy payments by the October monthly deadline. More than six million Americans benefit from the cost sharing subsidies. Without the funds, millions stand to lose their health insurance coverage.

A copy of the motion can be found  $\underline{\text{here}}$ .

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