

Illinois Rare Disease Commission

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Draft Agenda

- I. Welcome and Introductions**
- II. Late Submissions/Amendments and Agenda Approval**
- III. Approval of Meeting Minutes (10/14/26)**
- IV. Old Business**
- V. Public Comment***
- VI. Discussion**
 - a. Rare Report 2024 Revision Request from IDPH**
 - b. Rare Report 2025 Revision Request from IDPH**
 - c. Rare Report 2026 Recommendations**
- VII. Announcements**
 - a. Verify November meeting date. Offices are closed 11/11/26 for Veteran's Day. Tentatively November 4th noon – 1pm.**
 - b. Illinois Rare Disease Night & Day at the Capitol is tentatively scheduled for 9 & 10 March 2027 in Springfield.**

VIII. Adjournment

Public Comment: Please be advised that those wishing to provide public testimony will be called in the order in which they register. If there are speakers remaining after the time allotted for public testimony, who have not spoken, they may be permitted to share their testimony at the end of the meeting, at the discretion of the Chair. Each speaker may speak for up to three minutes. Persons who wish to register to speak may contact **Joan Ehrhardt, IDPH, at DPH.Genetics@Illinois.gov or **217-785-8101***



The Illinois Rare Disease Commission was established to increase awareness of rare and orphan diseases that impact the lives of 1 in 4 people. There are more than 8,000 unique and rare disorders that affect many Illinois residents and their families. The commission is made up of representatives from health care professions; people affected with rare disorders, their parents, or caregivers; and government officials.

Pursuant to [410 ILCS 445](#), the commission makes recommendations to the General Assembly in the form of an annual report. Commission activities are extended through 2026, pursuant to Public Act 102-0671 (Section 75). ILCS 445 can be found here:

<https://www.ilga.gov/Legislation/ILCS/Articles?ActID=3727&ChapterID=35&Chapter=PUBLIC%20HEALTH&MajorTopic=HEALTH%20AND%20SAFETY>

Section 410 ILCS 445/15 - [Section scheduled to be repealed 1/1/2027] Study; recommendations

The Commission shall make recommendations to the General Assembly, in the form of an annual report through 2026, regarding:

- (1) the use of prescription drugs and innovative therapies for children and adults with rare diseases, and specific subpopulations of children or adults with rare diseases, as appropriate, together with recommendations on the ways in which this information should be used in specific State programs that (A) provide assistance or health care coverage to individuals with rare diseases or broader populations that include individuals with rare diseases, or (B) have responsibilities associated with promoting the quality of care for individuals with rare diseases or broader populations that include individuals with rare diseases;
- (2) legislation that could improve the care and treatment of adults or children with rare diseases;
- (3) in coordination with the Genetic and Metabolic Diseases Advisory Committee, the screening of newborn children for the presence of genetic disorders; and
- (4) any other issues the Commission considers appropriate.

The Commission shall submit its annual report to the General Assembly no later than December 31 of each year.