

**Coordinated Access to Community Health (CATCH)  
PATIENT NOTICE OF PHYSICIAN IMMUNITY**

Dear CATCH Member,

There is a law in Illinois called the Good Samaritan Act which says that when a physician provides services without charge to a member of a “Free Medical Clinic without Premises”, such as the CATCH program, then that physician “will not be liable for civil damages as a result of the health care provider’s acts or omissions in providing that medical treatment, except for willful or wanton misconduct.” This means that physicians who are willing to provide you with free care cannot be sued if something goes wrong, unless they meant to hurt you. This applies to the primary care physician or clinic to which you are assigned, or to any physician specialist who may be asked to give medical care to you in the future.

The exact wording of this section of the law in its entirety is:

**Any licensed physician or other health care provider providing services in a free medical clinic, who in good faith provides medical treatment, diagnosis, or advice as part of the services of an established free medical clinic providing care to patients, without charge, which is limited to care that does not require the services of a licensed hospital or ambulatory surgical treatment center, and who received no fee or compensation from that source (the free medical clinic patients) will not be liable for civil damages as a result of the health care provider’s acts or omissions in providing that medical treatment, except for willful or wanton misconduct (745 ILCS 49/30.5).**

By signing your name below, you are indicating that you have been informed of this law, and that you understand that services provided to by a physician who receives no compensation for these services may not result in civil damages, except for “willful or wanton misconduct.”

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**CATCH Patient/Legal Guardian – Print Name**

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**Date**

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**CATCH Patient/Legal Guardian – Signature**