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## **Statement on Governor's FY21 Budget Proposal**

CHICAGO, IL – Today, we commend Governor Pritzker for his FY21 budget recommendation, which demonstrates the importance and value of investing in human services. On behalf of our over 800 coalition partners throughout the state, we are grateful to the governor for increased, and long overdue, funding in human service fields. This \$673 million investment in human services is a step in the right direction in stabilizing the sector yet we recognize that it will not fully fund the new minimum wage mandate.

To cover the new costs imposed by multi-year increases to the minimum wage, our research shows that by 2025 it will cost human service providers an estimated \$1.3 billion in mandated wage increases (costs associated with only the incremental increase in each calendar year) and \$4.6 billion in wage increases, including the cost to offset wage compression.

Illinois Partners continues to fully support a budget that fairly invests in Illinois families and communities. We believe that a fair tax implemented throughout the state is paramount to meeting this goal, as it will help create equity and modernize the way the state raises revenue so that we can support community well-being.

We encourage Governor Pritzker, the administration and policymakers to continue to listen to providers on solutions to reduce these financial burdens and fully fund human services. Policymakers can create a better Illinois by providing a sturdy foundation for well-being while helping state-funded nonprofits keep up with the rising costs and greater demand for human services. When communities are thriving we all benefit as a society.

### **About Illinois Partners for Human Service**

Illinois Partners is the largest shared voice of human service organizations throughout the state with coalition partners in every legislative district. Illinois Partners focuses on collective advocacy to protect funding and fair policies for human services so that all Illinoisans can reach their potential and fully engage in our communities.

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