

# Every Day, More and More of Us Are **DROWNING** in Rising Health Care Costs.



**W**e're paying more and getting less...going without health care because we can't afford it...working at jobs that don't offer insurance or make us pay more for coverage...struggling to keep up with the bills.

- Illinoisans pay 35% more for health insurance, today, than we did four years ago
- Illinois health insurance premium costs are rising three times faster than our wages

- 50% of all personal bankruptcies in Illinois – nearly 40,000 cases each year – are due to medical costs that are too high for families to pay
- This year, 2.09 million Illinoisans – nearly 1 in 3 under the age of 65 – will be uninsured
- In 2005, Illinois family insurance policies cost an extra \$1,059 due to unpaid health care bills of the uninsured

## Help Is On The Way!

A new law, the **Health Care Justice Act**, calls for a plan to make health care affordable for everyone in Illinois. The Plan will reflect public input at town-hall-style hearings around the state

**COME TO THE HEARING! SPEAK OUT!**

*This is **YOUR** chance to be part of the solution.*



*The Voice of Illinois Consumers*

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