



# Health Care Voter Guide

**Your quick guide to the  
Tuesday, November 2, 2010  
Illinois General Election**



A special publication of  
Champaign County Health Care Consumers

*Remember to VOTE on Tuesday, November 2  
between 6:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.*

To find your polling place please contact:

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## About This Voter Guide:

The 2010 Health Care Voter Guide is produced by Champaign County Health Care Consumers (CCHCC) of Champaign, IL. CCHCC is a non-profit, grassroots, citizen action organization dedicated to quality, affordable health care for all. CCHCC is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization and does not endorse elected officials, candidates for office, or political parties. However, CCHCC does participate in voter education and encourages everyone in the community to exercise their right to vote.

We hope this Health Care Voter Guide provides local consumers with useful information on relevant social and economic issues related to health care and social justice. Contact CCHCC for more information on these issues or for other ways to get involved.

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## About the Candidates:

CCHCC surveyed 15 candidates for this Health Care Voter Guide. CCHCC surveyed candidates running for U.S. Senate, U.S. House of Representatives, Governor, State Senate, and State Representative. The candidates that were surveyed are listed in the table below, in alphabetical order by office sought.

Candidate & Affiliation	Office Sought	Completed Survey?
Alexander Giannoulas (D)	U.S. Senate (IL)	NO
LeAlan M. Jones (G)	U.S. Senate (IL)	NO
Mark Kirk (R)	U.S. Senate (IL)	NO
Mike Labno (L)	U.S. Senate (IL)	NO
David Gill (D)	U.S. House (IL - 15th District)	YES
*Timothy V. Johnson (R)	U.S. House (IL - 15th District)	NO
Bill Brady (R)	Governor (IL)	NO
Scott Lee Cohen (I)	Governor (IL)	YES
Lex Green (L)	Governor (IL)	YES
*Pat Quinn (D)	Governor (IL)	YES
Rich Whitney (G)	Governor (IL)	YES
*Mike Frerichs (D)	State Senate (IL - 52nd District)	NO
Al Reynolds (R)	State Senate (IL - 52nd District)	YES
Norman E. Davis (R)	State Representative (IL - 103rd District)	NO
*Naomi Jakobsson (D)	State Representative (IL - 103rd District)	YES

### Symbol Key

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# Congressional Candidate Questions

**1. If elected to office, would you work to strengthen, weaken, or repeal the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, the new health reform law passed in March 2010?**

Candidate & Affiliation	Strengthen	Weaken	Maintain	Repeal	No Response
<b>U.S. Senate</b>					
Alexander Giannoulis (D)					X
LeAlan M. Jones (G)					X
Mark Kirk (R)					X
Mike Labno (L)					X
<b>U.S. House of Rep.</b>					
David Gill (D)	X				
*Timothy V. Johnson (R)					X

**2. Through the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, each state will create a health insurance exchange by 2014 as an avenue for consumers to purchase health insurance. Do you support or oppose legislation for the creation of a public option, or government managed health insurance option similar to Medicare and Medicaid, as a part of the health insurance exchange?**

Candidate & Affiliation	Support	Oppose	No Stance/ Undecided	No Response
<b>U.S. Senate</b>				
Alexander Giannoulis (D)				X
LeAlan M. Jones (G)				X
Mark Kirk (R)				X
Mike Labno (L)				X
<b>U.S. House of Representatives</b>				
David Gill (D)	X			
*Timothy V. Johnson (R)				X

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# Congressional Candidate Questions cont'd.

**3. Single-payer health care is a system in which the government sponsors health insurance, while health care providers (doctors, hospitals, etc.) remain in the private market. Do you support or oppose the passage of legislation that establishes single-payer health insurance in the United States?**

<b>Candidate &amp; Affiliation</b>	<b>Support</b>	<b>Oppose</b>	<b>No Stance/ Undecided</b>	<b>No Response</b>
<b>U.S. Senate</b>				
Alexander Giannoulis (D)				X
LeAlan M. Jones (G)				X
Mark Kirk (R)				X
Mike Labno (L)				X
<b>U.S. House of Representatives</b>				
David Gill (D)	X			
*Timothy V. Johnson (R)				X

**4. Do you support or oppose raising the Social Security retirement age?**

<b>Candidate &amp; Affiliation</b>	<b>Support</b>	<b>Oppose</b>	<b>No Stance/ Undecided</b>	<b>No Response</b>
<b>U.S. Senate</b>				
Alexander Giannoulis (D)				X
LeAlan M. Jones (G)				X
Mark Kirk (R)				X
Mike Labno (L)				X
<b>U.S. House of Representatives</b>				
David Gill (D)		X		
*Timothy V. Johnson (R)				X

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# Congressional Candidate Questions cont'd.

## 5. Do you support or oppose privatizing Social Security?

Candidate & Affiliation	Support	Oppose	No Stance/ Undecided	No Response
<b>U.S. Senate</b>				
Alexander Giannoulis (D)				X
LeAlan M. Jones (G)				X
Mark Kirk (R)				X
Mike Labno (L)				X
<b>U.S. House of Representatives</b>				
David Gill (D)		X		
*Timothy V. Johnson (R)				X

## 6. Do you support or oppose the creation of a Medicare-administered prescription drug plan in addition to the existing private insurance plans currently offered in the Medicare Part D Program?

Candidate & Affiliation	Support	Oppose	No Stance/ Undecided	No Response
<b>U.S. Senate</b>				
Alexander Giannoulis (D)				X
LeAlan M. Jones (G)				X
Mark Kirk (R)				X
Mike Labno (L)				X
<b>U.S. House of Representatives</b>				
David Gill (D)	X			
*Timothy V. Johnson (R)				X

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**7. Medicare is currently prohibited from using the bulk buying power to negotiate for lower drug prices for Part D recipients. Do you support or oppose allowing Medicare to negotiate for lower drug prices?**

Candidate & Affiliation	Support	Oppose	No Stance/ Undecided	No Response
<b>U.S. Senate</b>				
Alexander Giannoulias (D)				X
LeAlan M. Jones (G)				X
Mark Kirk (R)				X
Mike Labno (L)				X
<b>U.S. House of Representatives</b>				
David Gill (D)	X			
*Timothy V. Johnson (R)				X

**8. Do you support or oppose removing the two-year waiting period that prohibits Social Security Disability Beneficiaries from obtaining Medicare coverage as soon as they are deemed disabled?**

Candidate & Affiliation	Support	Oppose	No Stance/ Undecided	No Response
<b>U.S. Senate</b>				
Alexander Giannoulias (D)				X
LeAlan M. Jones (G)				X
Mark Kirk (R)				X
Mike Labno (L)				X
<b>U.S. House of Representatives</b>				
David Gill (D)	X			
*Timothy V. Johnson (R)				X

**9. Do you support or oppose cutting funding to Medicare or Medicaid in order to balance the federal budget?**

Candidate & Affiliation	Support	Oppose	No Stance/ Undecided	No Response
<b>U.S. Senate</b>				
Alexander Giannoulias (D)				X
LeAlan M. Jones (G)				X
Mark Kirk (R)				X
Mike Labno (L)				X
<b>U.S. House of Representatives</b>				
David Gill (D)		X		
*Timothy V. Johnson (R)				X

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# State Candidate Questions

**1. Do you support or oppose the implementation of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, the new health reform law passed by Congress in March 2010, at the state level?**

<b>Candidate &amp; Affiliation</b>	<b>Support</b>	<b>Oppose</b>	<b>No Stance/ Undecided</b>	<b>No Response</b>
<b>Governor</b>				
Bill Brady (R)				X
Scott Lee Cohen (I)	X			
Lex Green (L)		X		
*Pat Quinn (D)	X			
Rich Whitney (G)	X			
<b>State Senator</b>				
*Mike Frerichs (D)				X
Al Reynolds (R)		X		
<b>State Representative</b>				
Norman E. Davis (R)				X
*Naomi Jakobsson (D)	X			

**2. Do you support or oppose the passage of state laws to prohibit the practice of charging higher rates based on age and gender, otherwise known as age and gender rating, by health insurance companies?**

<b>Candidate &amp; Affiliation</b>	<b>Support</b>	<b>Oppose</b>	<b>No Stance/ Undecided</b>	<b>No Response</b>
<b>Governor</b>				
Bill Brady (R)				X
Scott Lee Cohen (I)	X			
Lex Green (L)			X	
*Pat Quinn (D)	X			
Rich Whitney (G)	X			
<b>State Senator</b>				
*Mike Frerichs (D)				X
Al Reynolds (R)		X		
<b>State Representative</b>				
Norman E. Davis (R)				X
*Naomi Jakobsson (D)	X			

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# State Candidate Questions cont'd.

### 3. Do you support or oppose the passage of state laws to regulate health insurance premium increases?

Candidate & Affiliation	Support	Oppose	No Stance/ Undecided	No Response
<b>Governor</b>				
Bill Brady (R)				X
Scott Lee Cohen (I)	X			
Lex Green (L)		X		
*Pat Quinn (D)	X			
Rich Whitney (G)	X			
<b>State Senator</b>				
*Mike Frerichs (D)				X
Al Reynolds (R)	X			
<b>State Representative</b>				
Norman E. Davis (R)				X
*Naomi Jakobsson (D)	X			

### 4. Single-payer health care is a system in which the government sponsors health insurance, while health care providers (doctors, hospitals, etc.) remain in the private market. Do you support or oppose establishing single-payer health insurance for the State of Illinois?

Candidate & Affiliation	Support	Oppose	No Stance/ Undecided	No Response
<b>Governor</b>				
Bill Brady (R)				X
Scott Lee Cohen (I)	X			
Lex Green (L)		X		
*Pat Quinn (D)				X
Rich Whitney (G)	X			
<b>State Senator</b>				
*Mike Frerichs (D)				X
Al Reynolds (R)		X		
<b>State Representative</b>				
Norman E. Davis (R)				X
*Naomi Jakobsson (D)	X			

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# State Candidate Questions cont'd.

## 5. Do you support or oppose cutting funding to state programs such as Medicaid in order to balance the state budget?

Candidate & Affiliation	Support	Oppose	No Stance/ Undecided	No Response
<b>Governor</b>				
Bill Brady (R)				X
Scott Lee Cohen (I)		X		
Lex Green (L)	X			
*Pat Quinn (D)		X		
Rich Whitney (G)		X		
<b>State Senator</b>				
*Mike Frerichs (D)				X
Al Reynolds (R)	X			
<b>State Representative</b>				
Norman E. Davis (R)				X
*Naomi Jakobsson (D)		X		

## 6. Do you support or oppose the privatization of Medicaid for the State of Illinois?

Candidate & Affiliation	Support	Oppose	No Stance/ Undecided	No Response
<b>Governor</b>				
Bill Brady (R)				X
Scott Lee Cohen (I)			X	
Lex Green (L)	X			
*Pat Quinn (D)				X
Rich Whitney (G)		X		
<b>State Senator</b>				
*Mike Frerichs (D)				X
Al Reynolds (R)			X	
<b>State Representative</b>				
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