



# Health Care Voter Guide

For Rantoul/Danville Residents

**Your quick guide to the  
Tuesday, November 6, 2012  
Illinois General Election**



A special publication of  
Champaign County Health Care Consumers

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

To find your polling place please contact:

**Champaign County Clerk's Office**

217-384-3720 or on the web at <http://www.champaigncountyclerk.com>

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## About This Voter Guide:

The 2012 Health Care Voter Guide is produced by Champaign County Health Care Consumers (CCHCC) of Champaign, Illinois. 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 candidates' positions on relevant healthcare, social, and economic issues. Contact CCHCC for more information on these issues or for other ways to get involved.

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## About the Candidates:

CCHCC surveyed 7 candidates from the Rantoul and Danville area for this Health Care Voter Guide. CCHCC surveyed candidates running for U.S. House of Representatives, State Senate and State Representative. The candidates that were surveyed are listed in the table below, in alphabetical order by office sought.

<b>Candidate &amp; Affiliation</b>	<b>Office Sought</b>	<b>Completed Survey?</b>
<b>Candidates for U.S. Congress</b>		
Angela Michael (D)	U.S. House of Representatives (IL – 15 <sup>th</sup> District)	NO
Tim Percy (C)	U.S. House of Representatives (IL – 15 <sup>th</sup> District)	NO
John Shimkus (R)	U.S. House of Representatives (IL – 15 <sup>th</sup> District)	NO
<b>Candidates for State Legislature</b>		
John Bambenek (R)	State Senate (IL – 52 <sup>nd</sup> District)	YES
* Michael Frerichs (D)	State Senate (IL – 52 <sup>nd</sup> District)	NO
* Chad Hays (R)	State Representative (IL – 104 <sup>th</sup> District)	YES
Michael Langendorf (D)	State Representative (IL – 104 <sup>th</sup> District)	YES

*Please note: Some candidates provided further comments and explanations for their responses, or commented on the survey questions but did not check a response box. To see the full Health Care Voter Guide with the candidates' comments, go to our website at [www.healthcareconsumers.org](http://www.healthcareconsumers.org).*

Symbol Key

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# Congressional Candidate Questions

**The three Congressional candidates that Champaign County Health Care Consumers surveyed - Representative John Shimkus, Angela Michael and Tim Percy - did not respond to CCHCC's candidate survey.**

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# State Candidate Questions

**1. Do you support or oppose the implementation of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act – the national 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>Responded, Did Not Check Box</b>
<b>State Senator</b>					
John Bambenek (R)	<b>X</b>				
*Michael Frerichs (D)				<b>X</b>	
<b>State Representative</b>					
*Chad Hays (R)					<b>X</b>
Michael Langendorf (D)	<b>X</b>				

**2. The Affordable Care Act mandates certain consumer protections, but much of the implementation is left up to the states, such as the establishment of a Health Benefits Exchange. The Exchange will provide access to affordable health insurance for individuals, families, and businesses starting in 2014. Gov. Quinn announced that Illinois will operate a federal-state partnership Exchange, but the state will need to decide whether or not to move to an entirely state-operated Exchange by 2015. Do you support or oppose an Illinois-controlled Health Benefits Exchange?**

<b>Candidate &amp; Affiliation</b>	<b>Support</b>	<b>Oppose</b>	<b>No Stance/ Undecided</b>	<b>No Response</b>	<b>Responded, Did Not Check Box</b>
<b>State Senator</b>					
John Bambenek (R)	<b>X</b>				
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<b>State Representative</b>					
*Chad Hays (R)					<b>X</b>
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# State Candidate Questions cont'd.

**3. Do you support or oppose the state participating in the expansion of Medicaid eligibility (up to 138% Federal Poverty Level) and eliminating the categorical requirements to receive Medicaid (age and disability status, mothers with young children, etc.) outlined by the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act?**

<b>Candidate &amp; Affiliation</b>	<b>Support</b>	<b>Oppose</b>	<b>No Stance/ Undecided</b>	<b>No Response</b>	<b>Responded, Did Not Check Box</b>
<b>State Senator</b>					
John Bambenek (R)			<b>X</b>		
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<b>State Representative</b>					
*Chad Hays (R)					<b>X</b>
Michael Langendorf (D)	<b>X</b>				

**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?**

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# State Candidate Questions cont'd.

**5. Do you support or oppose the passage of state laws to regulate health insurance premium increases in Illinois?**

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<b>State Senator</b>					
John Bambenek (R)			<b>X</b>		
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<b>State Representative</b>					
*Chad Hays (R)			<b>X</b>		
Michael Langendorf (D)	<b>X</b>				

**6. Do you support or oppose restoring pharmaceutical assistance for low-income seniors who lost their IL Cares Rx benefits?**

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