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Letter: Planned Parenthood provides needed health care

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Having been involved with Planned Parenthood since 1972, I welcome its recent move into beautiful and newly renovated space. I look forward to its continued service of providing quality information and reproductive health care for many decades to come. For many, especially those of low income and residents of rural or medically underserved areas, Planned Parenthood is their only resource for health care. Having witnessed firsthand the positive impact Planned Parenthood has had, I celebrate this move.

In addition, we can all celebrate that:

- * increasing numbers of Illinois residents are now covered by some form of health insurance;
- * with just a few exceptions, insurance plans, including Medicaid and Marketplace plans now cover every method of contraception;
- * the most effective form of reversible birth control (IUDs and implants) are often the easiest, and are recommended by major medical societies for both adolescents and adult women of reproductive age.

Generations of women and families have benefited from being able to plan for their families and for some, are still alive today, due to a visit to Planned Parenthood. Let's welcome the continuation of this invaluable service to our area.

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