2015 Indiana General Assembly

• As of Tuesday:
  – 454 Senate Bills
  – 349 House Bills
Budget

• Full funding of Medicaid forecast
• $19M - IU medical school campus in Evansville
• $8M – Enhance awareness and provide prenatal care services to at-risk mothers
• Department of Health priorities: infant mortality, obesity, smoking cessation
• HB 1001
Student Loan Repayment Assistance for Nurses, Teachers, and Social Workers

- Establishes a $2,500 annual grant for those employed in the qualifying professions for up to 5 years from starting to make student loan repayments.
  - Would be administered by Commission on Higher Education

- HB 1114
- House Ways and Means Committee
Allow CRNAs to Work with Podiatrists

• Permits a certified registered nurse anesthetist to administer anesthesia under the direction and in the immediate presence of a podiatrist in a hospital as long as a physician is available to respond to an emergency

• SB 167

• Senate Health and Provider Services Committee
Reducing Limitations on PA Prescribing

• Changes the limitations on physician assistant prescribing from one year and 1,800 hours of practice for all controlled substances to just one year and only for schedule II controlled substances

• Allows PAs to prescribe over a thirty day supply

• HB 1183
• House Public Health Committee
Designation of Caregiver

• Requires hospitals to provide patients an opportunity to designate a caregiver within 24 hours of admittance.

• Caregivers must be provided a discharge plan at least 24 hours before discharge and receive at least 4 hours notice of discharge.

• HB 1265

• House Public Health Committee
Disclosure of Charges

• Requires hospitals and ambulatory outpatient surgical centers to provide prospective patients a list of the average charges for the patient's anticipated treatments. Does not apply to emergency treatment. – HB 1213

• Requires the above, plus physician offices to post a schedule of charges compared to Medicare reimbursement – HB 1241

• House Public Health Committee
Cultural Competency Training for Health Profession Licensees

- Requires an individual seeking licensure in a health care profession to complete cultural competency training.
  - Applies to new licenses issued after June 30, 2015
  - Bill specifies topics, not duration of training

- SB 47
- Senate Pensions and Labor Committee
Criminal Background Checks for Health Facility Employees

- Adds licensed health facilities to the list of entities required to perform criminal background checks on employee applicants (along with home health agencies and personal services agencies)

- SB 135
- Senate Civil Law Committee
Put Inmates on Medicaid

• Allows the DoC or a sheriff to apply for Medicaid on an inmate’s behalf
• SB 212
• Senate Education and Career Development Committee
• SB 418
• Senate Corrections & Criminal Law Committee
Create Diabetes Action Plan

• Requires ISDH, FSSA, and State Personnel Dept. to collaborate on a plan to reduce the incidence of diabetes and report back by January 1, 2016.

• SB 209

• Senate Health & Provider Services Committee heard testimony this morning

• HB 1082

• House Public Health Committee
Greater Access to Clinical Trial Drugs

- Adds protocols for a patient to be treated with an investigational drug, biologic product, or medical device that has completed Phase I of FDA approval as long as the risk is not greater than the patient’s condition.
  - Physician required

- HB 1065
- House Public Health Committee heard testimony Monday
Civil Immunity for Volunteer Healthcare Providers and Registered Locations

- Performance of non-invasive procedures by nurse, physician assistant, dentist, or physician
- Locations registered with Professional Licensing Agency

- HB 1145
- House Judiciary Committee
Pediatric Service Reimbursement

- If a patient needs covered services from a pediatric hospital, but there is no in-network provider, those services may be provided by an out-of-network pediatric hospital and reimbursed by the insurer. The patient may only be charged in-network rate. – SB 206; Health & Provider Services Committee

- Study Medicaid Reimbursement for Out-of-State Pediatric Cancer Treatment Providers – HB 1226; Rules and Legislative Procedures Committee
Threshold for Medical Malpractice Claims Going to Medical Review Board

• Currently, medical malpractice claims seeking over $15,000 must go before a medical review board. Bill proposes to change that to $187,000.

• SB 55

• Senate Judiciary Committee
Increase Medical Malpractice Caps

• Increases the maximum award for medical malpractice claims from $1.25 million to $1.65 million

• Increases the maximum liability for a healthcare provider or their insurer from $250,000 to $300,000

• HB 1043

• House Judiciary Committee
INSPECT Access for Physicians with Temporary Medical Permits

• Grants INSPECT access to physicians in post-graduate residencies or fellowships.

• SB 168

• Senate Health & Provider Services Committee heard testimony this morning
Prescription Eye Drops & Tramadol

• Requires health insurance coverage of early refills and additional units of prescription eye drops
  – SB 26
  – Senate Health & Provider Services heard testimony this morning

• Authorizes Optometrists to Prescribe Tramadol
  – HB 1184
  – House Courts and Criminal Code Committee
Medication Therapy Management Services by Pharmacists

• Authorizes Medicaid reimbursement starting 7/1/16 to pharmacists providing medication therapy management services:
  – Medication related assessments of patient health status
  – Development of medication treatment plan
  – Evaluation of patient response to therapy, etc.

• SB 358

• Senate Family & Children Services Committee
Regulate Pharmacy Benefits Managers

• Specifies the responsibilities a pharmacy benefits manager has to the health coverage entity and the pharmacy

• HB 1214
• House Insurance Committee
Exempt Onsite Clinics from the State Prescription Drug Purchasing Program

• Certain state entities are required to participate in an aggregate prescription drug purchasing program. This exempts onsite clinics from that requirement.

• SB 207
• Senate Health & Provider Services Committee heard testimony this morning
Restrictions on Anatomical Procurements

- Requires any non-physician who harvests body parts to register with the Medical Licensing Board
- Requires written information concerning the procedures on the decedent’s body be provided before obtaining consent
  - Prohibits re-asking the same person for an anatomical gift
- HB 1229
- House Public Health Committee
Timing of IHSAA Sports Physicals

• If IHSAA requires sports physicals to be performed during a specific period of the year, that period must be within two weeks of a student’s birthday
  – Refers to physical performed by a physician
  – SB 119
    – Senate Education and Career Development Committee hearing testimony today
More Uses for Spinal Cord & Brain Injury Fund

• Current uses: registry of injuries, research, statewide trauma system

• Would add funding treatment services for individuals with spinal cord and brain injuries

• SB 166

• Senate Health & Provider Services
Tax Credit for Donations to Nonprofits Servicing the Developmentally Disabled

• To qualify, the nonprofit must be accredited or contract with the Division of Disability and Rehabilitative Services as a service provider

• SB 185
• Senate Tax & Fiscal Policy Committee