

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**