

Well, that Escalated Quickly: 2015 General Assembly Update

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Caregiver Mandates

- **Amended to be less prescriptive:**
 - Offer opportunity to appoint caregiver
 - Request consent to release patient info to caregiver
 - Attempt to notify of discharge if patient can't
 - Attempt to provide home care plan
 - May include live demonstration of aftercare
 - Lack of contact does not delay hospital services
- **HB 1265**
- **Senate Health & Provider Services Committee**

Immunizations

- **HB 1359**
 - HPV vaccine info for all 6th graders, instead of just girls
 - Goal HPV vaccination rate of 80% by 2020
 - Physician language amended to be provider neutral
 - Defeated before House Chamber 44-51
- **SB 461**
 - HPV vaccine info to all 6th graders, instead of just girls
 - Amendment proposing needle exchange program
 - Amendment to allow EMS to do blood glucose testing
 - Before House Chamber

Greater Access to Clinical Trial Drugs

- **Right to Try Bill**
 - **Terminally ill patients allowed access to clinical drugs, biological products, or medical devices**
 - **If patient does not have comparable or satisfactory treatment options that are fully FDA approved**
- **Liability protection expanded to include all involved healthcare providers**

Opioid Prescribing

- **Requires other healthcare profession boards to adopt rules that conform to those adopted by the Medical Licensing Board on opioid prescribing**
- **HB 1614: once adopted, no amendments without Medical Licensing Board approval**
 - **Failed at House Public Health Committee**
- **SB 534: Pharmacy Board provision removed**
 - **Passed House with amendment that recommends limiting face-to-face requirements for age 65+ patients**

Reducing Limitations on Prescribing

- **Allows APNs & PAs to prescribe schedule III or IV controlled substances for weight loss**
- **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**
- **HB 1183**
- **Before Senate Health & Provider Services Committee**

Mental Health Omnibus

- **Community mental health centers can make presumptive eligibility determinations**
- **Requires telemedicine services to be covered to the same extent as their in person parallel**
- **Arrestees to receive mental health assessment**
- **Financial support for school counselors to receive mental health training**
- **HB 1269: Health & Provider Services Committee**

No Longer Moving Forward

- **Cultural competency for healthcare license (47)**
- **Medical malpractice act reform (55 & 1043)**
- **CRNA's working with podiatrists (167)**
- **Student loan repayment assistance for nurses & social workers (1114)**
- **Expanding healthcare facilities required to do expanded criminal history checks (135)**

Religious Freedom Restoration Act SB 101

- **Specifies judicial standard for government action v. religious exercise**
 - **Religious exercise substantially burdened**
 - **Compelling government interest**
 - **Least restrictive means**
- **Creates claim/defense regardless of whether government is a party to the dispute**

Anti-Discrimination Fix SB 50

- **Replaces content of election eligibility bill**
- **RFRA does not authorize a provider to refuse services, facilities, use of public accommodations, goods, employment, or housing on the basis of race, color, religion, ancestry, age, national origin, disability, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or US military service**

ISNA Annual Meeting

- **September 18th**
 - Fort Harrison, Indianapolis
- **CNE Program: Staffing the Fort**
 - ANA President Pamela Cipriano
 - Community North CNE Pamela Hunt
- **Elections, Awards, Resolutions**
- **Register at indiananurses.org**