

Legislative Update

- **General Assembly Session Deadlines**
 - **3/2: Last day for 3rd reading of House bills in Senate**
 - **3/3: Last day for 3rd reading of Senate bills in House**
 - **3/14: Last day of session**

Prescribing

- **Regulating step therapy protocols – SB 41**
 - Amendment put determination for exception in the hands of the insurer
- **Allows telemedicine prescription for non-controlled substances – HB 1263**
 - Amendment requires out of state to be bound by Indiana law
- **Standing orders for overdose intervention drugs – SB 187**
 - Allows overdose intervention drugs to be dispensed by pharmacy under standing order from ISDH, not involving a prescriber
- **Restrictions on opioid treatment providers – SB 214+297**

Ephedrine/Pseudo

Indiana leads the nation in meth lab busts

- **Stop sale for anyone with drug felony in the last 7 years**
 - **SB 161, HB 1157**
- **Pharmacists interview customers to determine whether there is a legitimate need. Require a prescription for large amounts unless patient of record at the pharmacy & add ephedrine to INSPECT**
 - **SB 80, HB 1390**
 - **Exception for extraction resistant variant**
 - **HB 1390 did not receive a Senate committee hearing. Its content amended into SB 80**

HIP 2.0 Codification

- **Puts core elements of HIP 2.0 into statute**

- **Adds reporting requirements on**
 - **Individuals locked out of benefits**
 - **Whether copayments are being made or waived**
 - **Source of POWER account contribution**

- **Requires next renewal of HIP 2.0 to include chiropractic services**

Mental Health

- **Medicaid reimbursement for APNs, addiction counselors, and grad student interns at CMHCs**
 - **HB 1347 – APNs eligible supervisors of plans of treatment**
 - **Practice agreement requirement added by amendment creates new burdens for APNs in CMHCs**

- **Governing entity of state institutions can grant the same privileges as the governing board of a private hospital**
 - **SB 206 – Heading back to Senate with House amendments**
 - **In preparation of new state hospital at Community East**

Medical Malpractice Act Reform

- **Resurrected today by stripping the content of SB 28 (about fence height) and inserting pieces of SB 152**
- **Cap on Damages**
 - **Currently \$1.25 million total**
 - \$250,000 from provider, rest from patient compensation fund
 - **Reform to \$1.65 million, +\$150K over periodic increments until \$2.25 million in 2031**
 - \$450,000 from provider, +\$75K over periodic increments until \$750K in 2031
 - Implement ongoing periodic cap increases
 - **Provider amount = amount of professional liability insurance**
- **Medical Review Panel**
 - **Currently exception if damages sought < \$15,000**
 - **Reform to \$35,000**

Proposed Interim Study Topics

- **Grant program for food deserts – SB 15**
- **Hospital employee immunizations – SB 162**
- **Patient access to and provider reimbursement for FDA approved medication assisted treatment in Medicaid – SB 297**
- **Consent to healthcare and living wills, including whether to create an electronic database – SB 163**

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