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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