

**Ohio Foot and Ankle Medical Association  
Legislation Tracking  
132<sup>nd</sup> General Assembly – April 2017**

**House Bills**

**HB 7 MEDICAL PROVIDER IMMUNITY (CUPP, R.)**

To grant qualified civil immunity to certain medical providers who provide emergency medical services as a result of a disaster; to provide that certain communications made regarding an unanticipated outcome of medical care, the development or implementation of standards under federal laws, and an insurer's reimbursement policies on health care are inadmissible as evidence in a medical claim; to provide that medical bills itemizing charges are inadmissible as evidence and an amount accepted as full payment for medical services is admissible as evidence of the reasonableness of the charges; to specify the manner of sending a notice of intent to file a medical claim and provide a procedure for the discovery of other potential claims within a specified period after the filing of a medical claim; to provide that any loss of a chance of recovery or survival by itself is not an injury, death, or loss for which damages may be recovered; to provide civil immunity to certain medical providers regarding the discharge of a patient with a mental condition that threatens the safety of the patient or others; to require that governmental agencies that receive peer review committee records maintain their confidentiality; and to clarify the definition of "medical claim."

**HB 27 BWC BUDGET (BRINKMAN, T.)**

To make changes to the Workers' Compensation Law, to make appropriations for the Bureau of Workers' Compensation for the biennium beginning July 1, 2017, and ending June 30, 2019, and to provide authorization and conditions for the operation of the Bureau's programs.

**HB 49 BIENNIAL BUDGET (SMITH, R.)**

To provide authorization and conditions for the operation of state programs.

**HB 51 AGENCY REVIEWS (FABER, K.)**

To require standing committees of the General Assembly to establish a schedule for the periodic review and sunset of state departments that are currently in the Governor's cabinet, and to require that Auditor of State performance audits be scheduled to coincide with the periodic review.

**HB 72 STEP THERAPY (JOHNSON, T., ANTONIO, N.)**

To adopt requirements related to step therapy protocols implemented by health plan issuers and the Department of Medicaid.

**HB 75 PROFESSIONAL LICENSES (GAVARONE, T., MERRIN, D.)**

To establish an expedited process to grant a professional license to an individual who is on active duty as a member of the armed forces of the United States, or is the spouse of such an individual, and holds a valid license in another state

**HB 79 FIREARMS TRAINING (RETFERFORD, W., HAGAN, C.)**

To provide for firearms training for tactical medical professionals; to permit such a professional who has received that training and has been authorized by the law enforcement agency to carry firearms while on duty; and to grant such a professional the same right to carry a concealed handgun in this state as a concealed handgun licensee.

**HB 85 HEALTH CARE COMPACT (RETFERFORD, W.)**

To enter into the Health Care Compact.

**HB 131 PHYSICAL THERAPY (GAVARONE, T., REINEKE, B.)**

To modify the laws governing the practice of physical therapy.

**HB 145 CONFIDENTIAL TREATMENT (HUFFMAN, S., SPRAGUE, R.)**

To provide for the establishment of a confidential program for the treatment of certain impaired practitioners and to declare an emergency.

**HB 167 OPIOID MEDICATIONS (EDWARDS, J.)**

Regarding addiction treatment and opioid prescribing by physicians and dentists.

**HB 169 HEALTH INSURANCE (MERRIN, D.)**

To require, with respect to insurance contracted for or provided by the Department of Administrative Services, an individual who is not covered by a collective bargaining agreement to pay the same percentage of the premium for vision, dental, or life insurance as the individual pays for health insurance.

**HB 172 MEDICAL RECORDS (SCHURING, K.)**

To modify the laws governing access to a patient's medical records.

**HCR 5 HEALTH CARE (SYKES, E.)**

To urge the Congress of the United States, and in particular the Ohio Congressional delegation, to support the preservation of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010.

**HCR 6 AFFORDABLE CARE ACT (GOODMAN, W., FABER, K.)**

To urge Congress to continue its efforts to fully repeal the Affordable Care Act and to recommend that future federal health care policies restore power to the states, fund the Medicaid program through block grants to individual states, and permit the sale of health insurance across state lines.

**Senate Bills**

**SB 16 CULTURAL COMPETENCY (TAVARES, C.)**

To require certain health care professionals to complete instruction in cultural competency.

**SB 56 STEP THERAPY (LEHNER, P., TAVARES, C.)**

To adopt requirements related to step therapy protocols implemented by health plan issuers and the Department of Medicaid.

**SB 79 AGENCY REVIEWS (JORDAN, K.)**

To require standing committees of the General Assembly to establish a schedule for the periodic review and sunset of state departments that are currently in the Governor's cabinet, and to require that Auditor of State performance audits be scheduled to coincide with the periodic review.

**SB 91 UNIVERSAL HEALTH CARE (SKINDELL, M., TAVARES, C.)**

To establish and operate the Ohio Health Care Plan to provide universal health care coverage to all Ohio residents.

**SB 99 MEDICAID ENROLLMENT (COLEY, B.)**

To prohibit the Medicaid program from newly enrolling individuals as part of the expansion eligibility group.

**SB 110 HEALTH CARE IDENTIFICATION (TAVARES, C.)**

To require a health care professional to wear identification when providing care or treatment in the presence of a patient.

**SB 119 OPIOID MEDICATIONS (HACKETT, B., HOTTINGER, J.)**

Regarding addiction treatment and opioid prescribing by physicians and dentists.