

**Ohio Foot and Ankle Medical Association
Legislation Tracking
132nd General Assembly – February 2018**

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.

HB 191 NURSE ANESTHETISTS (GONZALES, A.)

Regarding the practice of certified registered nurse anesthetists.

HB 193 FLU VACCINES (HAGAN, C.)

To prohibit an employer from taking an adverse employment action against a person who has not been or will not be vaccinated against influenza.

HB 273 ADMITTING PRIVILEGES (GAVARONE, T.)

To prohibit a physician from being required to secure a maintenance of certification as a condition of obtaining licensure, reimbursement, or employment or obtaining admitting privileges or surgical privileges at a hospital or health care facility.

HB 289 OCCUPATIONAL LICENSING (HOOD, R., MCCOLLEY, R.)

To establish a statewide policy on occupational regulation, to require standing committees of the General Assembly to periodically review occupational licensing boards regarding their sunset, to require the Common Sense Initiative Office to review certain actions taken by occupational licensing boards, and to require the Legislative Service Commission to perform assessments of occupational licensing bills and state regulation of occupations.

HB 317 TAX DEDUCTION (YOUNG, R.)

To authorize, for six years, a personal income tax deduction for a physician based on the number of hours the physician provides uncompensated medical services through a hospital, free clinic, or nongovernmental medical organization.

HB 326 PRESCRIBING AUTHORITY (SEITZ, B., GAVARONE, T.)

To authorize certain psychologists to prescribe psychotropic and other drugs for the treatment of drug addiction and mental illness.

HB 399 HEALTH INSURANCE (HENNE, M., BUTLER, J.)

To enact the Ohio Right to Shop Act to require health insurers to establish shared savings incentive programs for enrollees.

HB 408 WEEK DESIGNATION (WEST, T., BOGGS, K.)

To create the Health Insurance Participation Week.

HB 416 HEALTH SERVICE PRICES (HUFFMAN, S.)

Regarding the provision of cost estimates for scheduled health care services and health care services requiring insurer preauthorization.

HB 440 HEALTH CARE (FEDOR, T., KENT, B.)

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

HB 450 HEALTH BENEFITS (ANTANI, N.)

To impose review and other requirements on existing health insurance mandated benefits and to establish requirements for the creation of new mandated benefits.

HB 465 MEDICAID DRUG BENEFITS (LIPPS, S., KOEHLER, K.)

To provide for the prescribed drugs benefit to be delivered under the Medicaid program through the fee-for-service system.

HB 479 DRUG PRICE INFORMATION (LIPPS, S., WEST, T.)

Regarding pharmacy benefit managers, pharmacists, and the disclosure to patients of drug price information.

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.

SB 168 MEDICAID EXPANSION (JORDAN, K.)

To prohibit the Medicaid program from covering the expansion eligibility group and to require aggregate General Revenue Fund appropriations for state agencies to be reduced by specified amounts for the biennium beginning July 1, 2017, and ending on June 30, 2019.

SB 177 QUALIFIED IMMUNITY (LEHNER, P.)

To expand the circumstances in which qualified immunity from civil liability applies with respect to volunteer health care services provided to indigent and uninsured persons.

SB 218 MEDICAID PROVIDERS (LEHNER, P.)

Regarding surety bonds and minimum training for certain Medicaid providers.

SB 227 HEALTH PLAN CLAIMS (HUFFMAN, M.)

To require health plan issuers to release certain claim information to group plan policyholders.

SB 229 CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES (EKLUND, J.)

To modify laws pertaining to the State Board of Pharmacy and the regulation of controlled substances.

SB 237 MEDICAID COVERAGE (JORDAN, K.)

To prohibit the Medicaid program from covering the expansion eligibility group after December 31, 2018.

SB 243 MEDICAID COPAYMENTS (DOLAN, M.)

Regarding Medicaid copayment requirements.

SB 253 PRESCRIPTION PRICES (TAVARES, C.)

To establish requirements regarding prescription drug and medical equipment pricing.

*Denotes enactment