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LEGISLATIVE UPDATE—JANUARY 15, 2016

Week One of Session

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Week One of the 2016 Legislative Session was an extraordinarily productive one, as legislators and the Florida Chapter worked hard to begin the season on a harmonious note and move forward on consensus issues.

Much of the week was devoted to scope of practice and managed care issues, with both the Senate and House passing bills that would allow ARNPs and PAs to prescribe controlled substances, but only under tight physician protocols and with significant restrictions. The Senate version of [this](#) legislation also included very favorable language that would restrict the ability of insurance companies to retract prior authorizations. Thursday was highlighted by the House Finance and Tax Committee passing our Direct Primary Care Bill, leaving only one more committee that this legislation needs in order to make it to the House Floor.

Behind the scenes, the action was just a frenetic. The Chapter was pleased to learn that bills that would have allowed pharmacists the right to practice medicine have been derailed or withdrawn, while we received assurances from Senate leaders that our Direct Primary Care legislation will receive support in that Chamber.

Special thanks to this week's Chapter delegation. Led by President & Governor Michelle L. Rossi, MD FACP and Legislative Chairman N.H. Tucker, III, MD FACP, the delegation also included Kenji Kaye MD, John Lambird MD, Lindsay McCullough MD, and Amy Sheer MD. The team testified in committee, and met with legislators in support of legislative agenda.

Thanks to all of you for taking the time to advocate on behalf of your profession and your patients.

MEMBERS IN ACTION

Gainesville Team in Senate Gallery



John Lambird MD, Kenji Kaye MD,
Michelle L. Rossi MD FACP, FL Chapter ACP President & Governor
Amy Sheer MD, Lindsay McCullough MD,
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Representative Julio Gonzalez



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Senator Rob Bradley



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Representative Gayle Harrell



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