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Week One Legislative Session Report

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Week One of the 2019 Legislative Session is in the books, and we are already fully engaged in several battles that have enormous ramifications for physicians and their patients.

For instance, on Tuesday we argued that pharmacists should not be allowed to diagnose medical conditions and initiate drug therapies. While the House Health Quality Committee thought otherwise, we will keep fighting this proposal throughout the Session.

Week Two promises to be even more exciting. On Monday the Senate Health Policy Committee will debate an Office Surgery Bill on which we have been at the center of negotiations. Although not yet published at press time, Senator Flores has promised to introduce a “strike-all” amendment will protect minor office procedures from over-regulation while simultaneously adding a layer of much-needed regulation to those facilities that perform more substantial surgeries. Unfortunately, we also are anticipating hearings on the expansion of the Scope of Practice for both Phar-

macists and APRNs, both of which we intend to oppose until the last day of Session.

With all of this and more on next week’s agenda, make sure that you keep an eye out for our next update.

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