



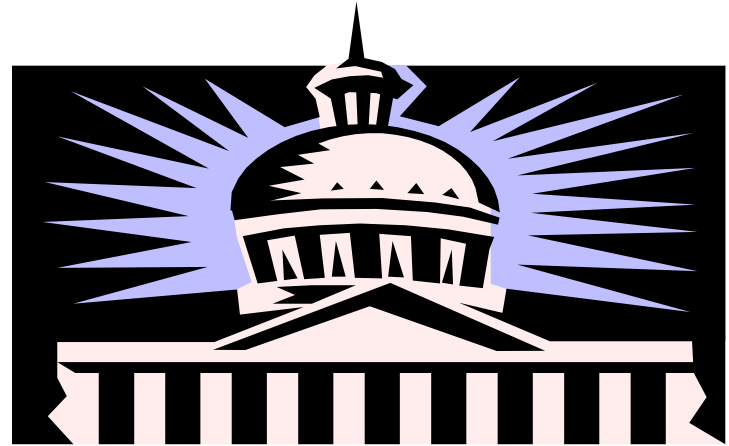
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Five Issues

- Hospital Ordering
- Telemedicine
- Scope of Practice
- Insurance Reforms
- Balance Billing



HOSPITAL ORDERING

- GLITCH BILL
- LEGALLY, PAS AND ARNPS COULD NOT ORDER CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES, EVEN PURSUANT TO A PHYSICIAN'S INSTRUCTIONS, IN A HOSPITAL.
- BILL DEFINES "ORDER" AS OPPOSED TO RX; AND ALLOWS IN-HOSPITAL ORDERING
- TOOK THREE YEARS TO PASS

TELEMEDICINE

WHAT THEY WANTED:

any provider licensed anywhere

WHAT THEY GOT:

Telemedicine allowed for Florida-licensed providers acting within their scope and Task Force on other issues.



“TELEHEALTH”

- HB 7087
- 2017 ISSUES
 - Telemedicine providers should be licensed by the State of Florida?
 - Payment issues
 - Cannot be mandatory
 - What is the Standard of Care?



SCOPE OF PRACTICE



WHAT THEY WANTED

Independent Practice

No inherent limit on scope

No limit on practice setting

No limit on prescribing

Pharmacists could prescribe and inject



What They Got

- No Pharmacist Injections
- Pharmacists can renew chronic condition meds for up to six days (was three)
- ARNPs/PAs cannot have independent practice
- ARNPs/PAs can prescribe controlled substances (legal in all other states), BUT
 - Not in a pain clinic, only a 7 day supply for Schedule II, must take 3 hour course,

WHAT WE GOT

- No Independent Practice
- Uniform Prior Authorization Form/Procedure
- Sovereign Immunity for volunteer services provided through a government contract

Balance Billing

ORIGINAL PROPOSAL:

Ban on Balance Billing AND insurers could unilaterally determine what providers would be paid.



OTHER BILL PROVISIONS

- Ban on **ER** Balance Billing (or when patient has no choice of provider), BUT
 - Hospitals and ASCs must alert patients that some services may be out of network
 - Insurance Companies must pay the negotiated rate, the billed rate, or the UCR **CHARGE**. **THEY HAD WANTED USUAL REIMBURSEMENT.**



OTHER BILL PROVISIONS

- \$800 arbitration (split by parties) eliminated; replaced by Maximus resolution with 10% range.
- DOAH/Appellate options created



Transparency/Balance Billing Form

- As your physician, it is my recommendation that you have the following procedure performed: _____, for which my Usual, Customary, and Reasonable charge is \$_____.
- Please note that the above amount does not include possible charges from Hospitals or other providers, such as radiologists, pathologists, anesthesiologists, etc.

Transparency/Balance Billing Form

- Nor does the above amount reflect any insurance discounts or payments. I urge you to contact your insurance carrier for such information.
- Thank you for placing your trust in me for your health care.
- (signature) (date)

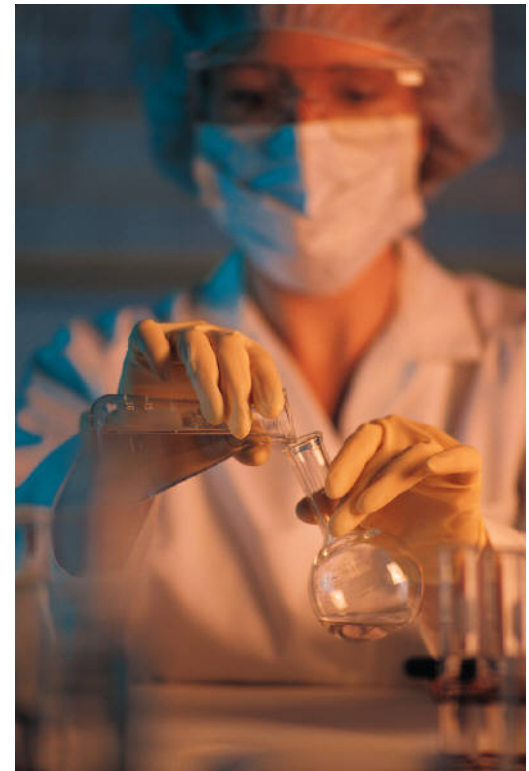


2017 Issues

- Allow use of a single opiate and anxiolytic in Level I (BOM recently allowed one or the other).
- Direct Primary Care Bill
 - 2016 Bill passed House overwhelmingly, but was attached to an Ambulatory Surgery Bill in Senate that would have eliminated independent ASCs.
 - Would allow a PCP to independently contract with an employer or patient for an annual fee.

Other Things You Should Know

- New Labor Regulations. Those making less than \$47,000 per year now are entitled to overtime.



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