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Legislative Update February 6, 2015

With the official start of the 2015 Legislative Session less than one month away, battle lines have been formed for what is likely to be a combative Session.

ARNPs already have filed legislation that would allow both types of extenders to practice independently and prescribe controlled substances. Meanwhile, the insurance industry is seeking legislation to entirely ban balance billing by providers (even non-contracted physicians) and to allow telemedicine providers to be unlicensed in Florida.

Fortunately, however, we also plan to proactively pursue pro-medicine legislation. Already we have obtained sponsors to require that non-physician owned health care clinics be inspected by the State. We also plan to support FMA-drafted legislation to curb a series of managed care abuses.

After spending three days in Tallahassee, Mr. Nuland participated in Board of Medicine hearings held on office procedures. While many good changes were passed with regard to Office Surgery, the Board opted to hold another hearing in April on the issue of whether opiates could be used in Level I procedures. On the Medical Record front, the Board voted to allow physicians to charge up to one dollar per page, although that decision likely will be challenged in the courts.

Special thanks go to Dr. Joshua Lenchus and residents Lila Chertman, MD and Stacy Rubin, MD, whom took time away from their busy schedules to participate in the Chapter's Health Policy & Advocacy Program in Tallahassee.



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