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## Legislative Update February 13, 2015

The calendar may only say February, but the 2015 Florida Legislature is already in full swing, using the past week to introduce a myriad of bills that would have profound impacts on medicine and actively debating bills that had already been filed.

In Committee action, the House Health Quality Committee passed HB 335, which would allow nurse practitioners to release patients from Baker Act confinement. While we obviously are concerned about this bill, the vote count was especially troubling, as it signals that this Committee is likely to vote against Medicine on scope of Practice issues.

Recently filed bills of note include SB 784, which would create a commission to address perceived managed care abuses, as well as HB 681, the House companion to an already filed Senate Bill (SB516) that would prevent out of network emergency services providers from balance billing patients for fees left unpaid by their insurance companies.

Next week (the last of the official legislative pre-season), promises to be eventful, as the Senate Health Policy Committee will consider legislation to extend the regulation of pain clinics (SB 450) and expand the use of Telemedicine (SB 478). On the latter issue, we have been meeting with Committee Chairman Aaron Bean to ensure that Telemedicine is used a supplement to, and not a replacement for, the actual presence of a Florida-licensed physician.

Special thanks go to Florida Chapter ACP Governor & President Dr. Michelle L. Rossi, and residents Alex Bolanos MD, Jorge Fuentes MD and Kenji Kaye MD, whom took time away from their busy schedules to participate in the Chapter's Health Policy & Advocacy Program at the Capitol.



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