

GAC Weekly Report

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Highlights This Week

This week FPA had several great meetings with legislators regarding PBM reform and the Milliman report findings, including educating new legislators. We spoke at length with Rep Toledo regarding the transaction fee bill language for the House version and GAC Chair Kevin Duane walked her through his calculations. We also confirmed Senator Rodriguez as the sponsor for the Senate carve out language.

On Tuesday AHCA gave a Medicaid update to both the Senate Health Care Appropriations committee and the House Health Care Appropriations committee. We got members from both chambers to ask questions specifically on Milliman's findings to help raise awareness and draw attention to the issue.

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Website: <https://empowerpatientsfl.org>

If you haven't already, we encourage you to reach out to your local Representative and Senator to introduce yourself and educate them on our issues. ASA is happy to join you in these meetings or even help facilitate them, so please don't hesitate to reach out to us. You can find your Legislators at the link below:

<https://myfloridahouse.gov/Sections/Representatives/myrepresentative.aspx>



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Upcoming Next Week

Next week is the 5th and final committee week leading up to the 2021 Legislative Session. Session convenes on March 2nd and ends April 30th.

Committee Week 5 Meeting Schedule

Below are the relevant meetings we will be following. You can watch any of these meetings on the Florida Channel at the link below:

<https://thefloridachannel.org/>

Wednesday the 17th:

Senate Health Policy 9:00-11:30

- SB 700 Telehealth
- SB 786 Immunizations

Thursday the 18th:

Senate Rules 9:00-11:00

- SB 530 Nonopioid Alternatives

House Finance & Facilities 10:00-12:00

- Presentation of the Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA) report on Pharmacy Benefit Manager Pricing Practices in the Statewide Medicaid Managed Care Program
 - o Beth Kidder, AHCA Deputy Secretary, Medicaid
 - o John Meerschaert F.S.A., M.A.A.A., Principal and Consulting Actuary, Milliman



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Priority Bills on the Move

Prescription Drug Coverage (PBM Enforcement) – **SUPPORT/Medium Priority**

- HB xxx – no House bill filed yet
- SB 390 – Waiting to be scheduled in Banking and Insurance

Administration of Vaccines – **SUPPORT/Low Priority**

- HB 459 – Waiting to be scheduled in the 1st committee, Professions & Public Health
- SB 494 – Passed its 1st committee, waiting to be scheduled in 2nd and final committee Rules
- SB 898 – Waiting to be scheduled in the 1st committee, Health Policy
- SB 768 – On the agenda in the 1st committee, Health Policy

Antiretroviral Drugs – **SUPPORT/Low Priority**

- HB 607 – Waiting to be assigned to committees
- SB 928 – Waiting to be scheduled in the 1st committee, Health Policy

Telehealth – **OPPOSE/Work to amend**

- HB xxx – no House bill filed yet
- SB 700 – On the agenda in the 1st committee, Health Policy



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Other Bills to Watch/Monitor

Dispensing Medicinal Drugs

- HB 29 – Waiting to be scheduled in the 1st committee, Professions & Public Health
- SB 262 – Waiting to be scheduled in the 1st committee, Health Policy

Health Insurance Prior Authorization

- HB 851 – Waiting to be assigned to committees
- SB 528 – Waiting to be scheduled in the 1st committee, Banking and Insurance

Nonopioid Alternatives

- HB 725 – Waiting to be assigned to committees
- SB 530 – On the agenda in the 2nd and final committee, Rules

Prescription Insulin Drugs

- HB 109 – Waiting to be scheduled in the 1st committee, Finance & Facilities
- SB 786 – Waiting to be scheduled in the 1st committee, Banking & Insurance



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