

GAC Weekly Report

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Highlights This Week

This week FPA met with House bill sponsor Representative Toledo and the HHS Whip, Representative Sirois, on a strategy for the House bill. We also had a call with Senator Rodriguez about a strategy for the Senate bill.

On the PBM Reform Coalition call this week we discussed messaging and meeting with sponsors and committee chairs and staff on the amount of savings a Medicaid carve out would be for the state.

On Tuesday this week, the EMPOWER Patients Coalition formally launch! Both Florida Politics and The Center Square have reported on the coalition and our efforts:

<https://floridapolitics.com/archives/400371-health-care-coalition-pushes-for-prescription-drug-pricing-reform>

https://www.mdjonline.com/neighbor_newspapers/extra/news/florida-lawmakers-to-consider-heatedly-opposed-pbm-reform-again-in-2021/article_e05f009f-1070-596e-b195-13ec590bb029.html

Get Involved

Encourage your patients, coworkers, and friends to follow EMPOWER Patients on Twitter and Facebook!

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 4th committee week leading up to the 2021 Legislative Session. Remember we will have 5 committee weeks before Session convenes on March 2nd.

Committee Week 4 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/>

Tuesday the 9th:

Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on HHS 11:00-12:30

- Presentation on Medicaid by AHCA

House Health Care Appropriations Subcommittee 4:00-6:00

- Presentation on Governor's Recommended Budget
- AHCA presentation on Medicaid Caseload and Expenditures



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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 assigned to committees
- SB 494 – Passed its 1st committee, waiting to be scheduled in 2nd and final committee Rules
- SB 898 – Waiting to be scheduled in Health Policy
- SB 768 – Waiting to be scheduled in Health Policy

Antiretroviral Drugs – **SUPPORT/Low Priority**

- HB 607 – Waiting to be assigned to committees
- SB 928 – Waiting to be scheduled in Health Policy

Telehealth – **OPPOSE/Work to amend**

- HB xxx – no House bill filed yet
- SB 700 – Waiting to be scheduled in Health Policy



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Other Bills to Watch/Monitor

Dispensing Medicinal Drugs

- HB 29 – Waiting to be scheduled in Professions & Public Health
- SB 262 – Waiting to be scheduled in Health Policy

Health Insurance Prior Authorization

- HB xxx – no House bill filed yet
- SB 528 – Waiting to be scheduled in Banking and Insurance

Nonopioid Alternatives

- HB 725 – Waiting to be assigned to committees
- SB 530 – Passed its 1st committee, waiting to be scheduled in 2nd and final committee Rules

Prescription Insulin Drugs

- HB 109 – Waiting to be scheduled in Finance & Facilities
- SB 786 – Waiting to be scheduled in Banking & Insurance



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