

2023 FPA Advocacy Campaign

The Governmental Affairs Committee met on July 28, 2022 to review and develop an advocacy plan for 2022-2023. By way of the draft minutes of the July meeting the Board of Directors is provided information on the GAC's recommendations

Action for the Board to consider include the receiving and reviewing of the FPA 2022-2023 advocacy plan from the GAC and by motion accept or amend and accept the plan.

Presented to the Board were the following priority legislative issues recommended by the Governmental Affairs Committee (GAC). The Board was also provided a copy of the GAC minutes from their July 28, 2022 meeting.

1. **Priority 1** – Committee members are recommending that our PBM efforts should continue as our number one priority for the 2023 legislative session. The campaign should use the Governor's Executive Order 22-164 as a template for a bill.
2. **Priority 2** – Committee members are recommending that we advocate for changes to Florida laws that remove the barriers to practice and improve patient access to care through implementing state wide protocols as an alternative to physician signed protocols. This change would affect vaccine administration as well as testing and treating of patients for non-chronic conditions.
3. **Priority 3** – The Governmental Affairs Committee believes that revisions to Florida laws and or rules should be considered to allow qualified technicians who are practicing and registered in other states to "register by endorsement" here in Florida. The Committee believes at a minimum there should be a requirement for assessment of the knowledge of Florida laws and rules as part of the endorsement process. The Board of Pharmacy should be charged with determining what that assessment should be.
4. **Advocate if Opportunity is Available** – The Committee discussed the issues surrounding the use of metrics, patient safety and workload in pharmacies. Our plans are to continue to engage in discussions with the Board of Pharmacy on this issue given the resistance that the legislature has on regulating business practices. We also plan to be mindful of the impact that any policy statements may have on small businesses. The Committee will be interested in receiving the assessment of quality-based metrics described under resolution 2022-2 approved by the House at the 132nd Annual meeting. Recommendation of the Committee is pending results of the metrics assessment and further guidance from the Board of Directors.

The Board of Directors engaged in discussions on issues such as expansion of the pharmacist prescribing formulary as well as concerns of patient safety and work life balance of our members. There was also discussion on the exclusive offering of the 3-hour vaccine safety program that immunizing pharmacists are required to complete as well as efforts to address by Board rule the practice restrictions related to immunizer registries of pharmacists.

There were also discussions on plans for the 2023 legislative day events with ideas such as assigning schools to certain interim committee weeks at the Capitol along with encouraging regional directors to rally stakeholders to send volunteers to the Capitol. The goal is to have a stakeholder at the Capitol each week that the legislative committees are in session. The Board was advised that most health care issues are heard either on Tuesdays, Wednesdays or Thursdays. Agenda items for the legislative

committees are generally released within several days prior to the meeting. The Board acknowledges that more pharmacist participation is needed. The Board was also advised that with COVID large crowds may continue to be discouraged.

The FPA also filed a comment letter to the Agency for Health Care Administration in response to a request for information on the procurement plan for the Medicaid Managed Care Program. We also meet with Medicaid officials to answer questions that they had on our comment letter. The Board was also informed that Medicaid will be requiring providers by October 1, 2022 to increase the minimum wage of their employees to \$15.00 per hour. This obligation was inserted in the 2022-2023 budget signed by the Governor.