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State Representative Cindy Kirchhofer
Indiana General Assembly
Chair, Public Health Committee
2016 SESSION WRAP-UP

INDIANA GENERAL ASSEMBLY
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104 Enrolled House Bills

114 Enrolled Senate Bills

27 bills passed through the House Public Health Committee
PRIORITIES

- Countering Indiana’s meth scourge
- Battling opioid abuse
- Improving access to and quality of care
COMBATTING INDIANA’S METH SCOURGE

SEA 80 Ephedrine and Pseudoephedrine
- Allows a pharmacist to deny the sale of pseudoephedrine based on the lack of a legitimate medical need.
- Prohibits a customer from buying pseudoephedrine without a prescription unless they are a patient of record with the pharmacy or they accept either tamper-resistant pseudoephedrine or a smaller package of pseudoephedrine (24 x 30mg).

HEA 1157/SEA 161 Methamphetamine Manners
- Blocks the sale of ephedrine or pseudoephedrine to those previously convicted of meth-related felonies.
BATTLING OPIOID ABUSE

SEA 297 Opioid Dependence Treatments

- Requires opioid treatment programs (OTPs) to enroll as Medicaid providers, HIP providers, or order, prescribing, or referring providers in order to operate in Indiana.
  - Elevates OTPs on the healthcare continuum so they can provide comprehensive care.
  - They will have the opportunity to provide wraparound services and receive reimbursement for other addiction treatment drugs such as Suboxone and Vivitrol.

- Requires the adoption of rules for OTPs that encourage the goal of abstinence.
BATTLING OPIOID ABUSE

SEA 187 Release of Medical Tests of Pregnant Women

- Prohibits practitioners from releasing to law enforcement the results of a pregnant women’s verbal screenings or questionings concerning drug or alcohol use, urine tests, or blood tests.
  - Goal: encourage the early detection of Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome.

SEA 187 Overdose Intervention Drugs

- Requires the Indiana State Department of Health to issue a statewide standing order for the dispensing of overdose intervention drugs.
- Provides immunity for individuals who administer naloxone or an overdose intervention drug to someone suffering from an overdose.
ACCESS TO AND QUALITY OF CARE

HEA 1263 Telemedicine

- Allows providers with prescriptive authority to issue prescriptions via telemedicine.
  - Excludes the prescription of controlled substances, abortion inducing drugs, and ophthalmic devices (glasses and contact lenses).

- Requires telemedicine providers to consent to jurisdiction in Indiana.
ACCESS TO AND QUALITY OF CARE

HEA 1347 Mental Health Matters

- Addresses a workforce shortage in Community Mental Health Centers.
- Requires the Office of Medicaid Policy and Planning to reimburse under Medicaid for mental health services provided by the following professionals employed at Community Mental Health Centers:
  - APNs: allows them to provide integrated care services so that primary and mental health care are provided together;
  - Graduate/post-graduate students in the medical, nursing, mental health, behavioral health, or addiction treatment fields; and
  - Licensed clinical addictions counselors.
ACCESS TO AND QUALITY OF CARE

SEA 165 Healthy Indiana Plan

- Repeals the prior Healthy Indiana Plan statutes and makes revisions to the current Healthy Indiana Plan.

- Repeals statutes governing the High-Risk Indiana Check-up Plan.

- Codifies HIP 2.0 and puts FSSA in a stronger position to negotiate the next federal waiver.
LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH MATTERS

- **SEA 140 County Hospital Board Compensation**
  - Increases maximum compensation for county hospital board members from $3,600 to $6,000.

- **SEA 163 Department of Health Matters**
  - Allows information in the ISDH’s cancer registry to be used in investigations of cancer clusters by local health departments.
  - Allows local child fatality teams to investigate the death of a child whose death occurred in the area served by the team.

- **HEA 1088 Death Certificates**
  - Allows an emergency room physician, if they are unsure of a patient’s cause of death, to refer the case to the coroner.

- **HEA 1278 INSPECT Program**
  - Allows county coroners to access the INSPECT program during a death investigation.
FUTURE TOPICS FOR CONSIDERATION

- SEA 15 Food Deserts.
- SB 162 Hospital Immunizations.
- HB 1176 Diabetes Incidence Plan and Report.
- HB 1177 Cancers Associated with Human Papillomavirus.
- Infectious diseases spread through needle use, such as:
  - HIV
  - Hepatitis C
Questions, Comments?

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