

## Section 8

# Scope of Practice

Physician groups have been playing the access card in various ways over the past two legislative sessions – access is limited by medical liability issues, access is limited by reimbursement, access in rural areas continues to erode, etc. It comes as little surprise that the access strategy is being successfully invoked by non-physician providers (NPP) to advance their scope of practice. NPPs have achieved success in supporting the physician access contention and maintain they are “just like family physicians” in the services they provide at a more cost effective rate. NPPs are ready to step in and fill the void. Scope challenges will continue in 2007 as many of the bills listed in the different areas will be modified based on the success of the 2006 election and grass roots activities of the respective organizations. One well placed legislator advocate can have an enormous impact at the state level.

The AAFP has joined the AMA Scope of Practice Partnership (SOPP) and serves on the SOPP Steering Committee. In process and available for AAFP constituent chapter use by the end of 2006 is a compendium of NPP that will include information about the discipline, demographics, education, state licensure and regulation, professional organization and pertinent literature. Following this compendium will be a mapping program that will provide the distribution of physicians to NPP on a state by state basis.

[AAFP Clinical Policies](#)

[AAFP Policy on Ancillary Medical Personnel](#)

[AAFP Policy on Complimentary Practice](#)

[AAFP Policy on Imaging Personnel \(Radiology Technologists\)](#)

[AAFP Policy on Integrated Practice Arrangements](#)

[AAFP Policy on Non-Physician Providers](#)

[AAFP Policy on Nurse Midwives \(Certified\)](#)

[AAFP Policy on Nurse Practitioners](#)

[AAFP Policy on Nursing Profession](#)

[AAFP Policy on Physician Assistants](#)

[AAFP Position Paper on Use of the Term Provider](#)

## Alternative/Naturopaths

The pursuit of recognition of naturopaths in states has been ongoing for the past six years with emphasis given to recognition and creation of a structure independent of state medical boards to govern, license, and provide regulatory oversight for naturopathic physicians (ND, NMD).



The American Association of Naturopathic Physicians support the practice of naturopathic medicine that includes diagnostic and treatment modalities: utilization of all methods of clinical and laboratory diagnostic testing including diagnostic radiology and other imaging techniques; nutritional medicine, dietetics and therapeutic fasting; medicines of mineral, animal and botanical origin; hygiene and public health measures; homeopathy; acupuncture; Chinese medicine, psychotherapy and counseling; minor surgery and naturopathic obstetrics (natural childbirth), naturopathic physical medicine including naturopathic manipulative therapies; the use of hydrotherapies, heat, cold, ultrasound, and therapeutic exercise.

- AK S 42      AUTHOR:            Seekins [R]  
 TITLE:             Naturopathic Medicine Task Force  
 DISPOSITION:    Enacted  
 CHAPTER:         7  
 SUMMARY:  
 Extends the reporting date for and the termination date of the Task Force on Naturopathic Scope of Practice.
- AZ H 2524    AUTHOR:            Smith [R]  
 TITLE:             Health Insurance Policies  
 DISPOSITION:    Failed - Adjourned  
 SUMMARY:  
 Relates to health insurance policies, subscription contracts offered by a hospital and medical service corporation; requires coverage for health services by a naturopathic physician; includes a disability insurer and a group disability insurer; includes an accountable health plan.
- CA A 302     AUTHOR:            Business and Professions Cmt  
 TITLE:             Professions and Vocations  
 DISPOSITION:    Enacted  
 CHAPTER:         506  
 SUMMARY:  
 Relates to the licensure of naturopathic doctors have passed an Canadian examination and adding such doctors to the list of persons authorized to furnish dangerous drugs and to write or issue prescriptions. Relates to reports of a licensed architect, a liability insurer, or a government agency regarding any actions against the licensee. Relates to review of private postsecondary and vocational education institutions that provide service to prepare a student for licensure examination.
- CA S 233     AUTHOR:            Figueroa [D]  
 TITLE:             Acupuncture  
 DISPOSITION:    Failed  
 SUMMARY:  
 Includes in the definition of acupuncture the diagnosis of a person for the purpose of providing acupuncture treatment. Authorizes a licensee to diagnose for the purpose of performing or prescribing the use of oriental massage, acupressure, breathing techniques, exercise, heat, cold, magnets, nutrition, diet, herbs, plant, animal and mineral products, and dietary supplements to promote, maintain and restore health.



CO H 1170      SPONSOR:            Weissmann [D]  
                  TITLE:                Health Care Providers  
                  DISPOSITION:        Failed - Adjourned  
                  SUMMARY:  
                  Concerns alternative health care providers; prohibits an alternative health care provider from performing surgery, prescribing or administering x-ray radiation, prescribing or administering medications, performing chiropractic adjustments, performing massage therapy, advertising himself or herself out as a licensed health care practitioner, or recommending the discontinuance of a medically prescribed drug or treatment.

CT S 78        INTRODUCER:        Gunther [R]  
                  TITLE:                Medicaid Program  
                  DISPOSITION:        Failed  
                  SUMMARY:  
                  Concerns enhancements to the medicaid program; restores the availability of chiropractic, naturopathic and podiatric services under the Medicaid program.

CT S 164      INTRODUCER:        Joint Public Health  
                  TITLE:                Patient Access To Physical Therapy  
                  DISPOSITION:        Enacted  
                  CHAPTER #:         125  
                  SUMMARY:  
                  Concerns patient access to physical therapy; allows physical therapists who meet certain standards to treat patients directly, without referral from another health care practitioner; does not include surgery, prescribing of drugs or development of a medical diagnosis of disease, injury or illness; requires a written referral for spinal manipulation; relates to chiropractors, surgeons, podiatrists, naturopaths and dentists.

FL H 1261     COMPARE:            FL S 2678  
                  AUTHOR:             Bowen [R]  
                  TITLE:                Naturopathic Medicine  
                  DISPOSITION:        Failed  
                  SUMMARY:  
                  Relates to naturopathic medicine; cites act as Dr. R. Wilson Geldner Naturopathic Medicine Act of 2006; creates Naturopathic Medicine Board; provides guidelines for probable cause panels and disciplinary decisions; specifies authority of board and department regarding disciplinary action and revises grounds for disciplinary action regarding such authority; provides requirements for licensure as doctor of naturopathic medicine, naturopathic doctor.

FL S 2678     COMPARE:            FL H 1261  
                  AUTHOR:             Webster [R]  
                  TITLE:                Naturopathic Medicine  
                  DISPOSITION:        Failed - Adjourned  
                  SUMMARY:  
                  Relates to naturopathic medicine; revises and provides definitions; creates Board of Licensed Naturopathic Physicians; provides membership and duties of board; specifies authority of DOH and board regarding disciplinary action and revises grounds for said action regarding such authority; specifies authority for setting fee for reissuance of license under certain circumstances; provides penalties for falsely using certain titles.



HI H 941      AUTHOR:            Kahikina [D]  
                   TITLE:                Traditional Hawaiian Healing Practices  
                   DISPOSITION:      Failed - Adjourned  
                   SUMMARY:  
                   Changes "panel" to "kupuna council" in relation to regulating traditional native Hawaii healing practices. Makes the kupuna council independent from the State and authorizes any individual regardless of race or ethnic origin to be certified by the kupuna council as a traditional Hawaiian healer.

HI H 1155     AUTHOR:            Souki [D]  
                   TITLE:                Naturopathy  
                   DISPOSITION:      Vetoed  
                   SUMMARY:  
                   Provides for the adoption of a formulary of natural medicines that naturopaths may administer by injection, the establishment of qualification necessary to administer natural medicines by injection, and the authority to grant qualified naturopaths to administer natural medicines by injection.

HI HCR 229    AUTHOR:            Arakaki [D]  
                   TITLE:                Health Insurance for Alternative Health Care Servi  
                   DISPOSITION:      Failed - Adjourned  
                   SUMMARY:  
                   Requests the legislative reference bureau to conduct a study of health insurance coverage for naturopathy and alternative health care in all fifty states.

HI S 1470     AUTHOR:            Bunda [D]  
                   TITLE:                Naturopathy  
                   DISPOSITION:      Failed - Adjourned  
                   SUMMARY:  
                   Clarifies that the practice of naturopathy includes the administration of natural medicine through the appropriate means, including injection.

HI S 3230     AUTHOR:            Chun Oakland [D]  
                   TITLE:                Health Care  
                   DISPOSITION:      Failed - Adjourned  
                   SUMMARY:  
                   Establishes pilot project that emphasizes good nutrition and lifestyle choices. Appropriates funds for the pilot project, the planning of an integrative medical center, infrastructure for complementary medicine grants to the University of Hawaii, and supporting to the World Health Awards program; relates to health care.

HI SCR 225    AUTHOR:            Chun Oakland [D]  
                   TITLE:                Health Insurance  
                   DISPOSITION:      Failed - Adjourned  
                   SUMMARY:  
                   Requests the legislative reference bureau to conduct a study of health insurance coverage for naturopathy and alternative health care in all fifty states.

HI SR 155     AUTHOR:            Chun Oakland [D]  
                   TITLE:                Health Insurance for Alternative Health Care Servi  
                   DISPOSITION:      Failed - Adjourned  
                   SUMMARY:  
                   Requests the legislative reference bureau to conduct a study of health insurance coverage for naturopathy and alternative health care in all fifty states.



IL H 1591      SPONSOR:            Saviano [R]  
 TITLE:              Naturopathic Physicians License  
 DISPOSITION:      Pending - Carryover  
 SUMMARY:  
 Amends the Medical Practice Act of 1987 to include naturopathic physicians. Provides for the licensure of naturopathic physicians by the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation. Provides that the Department may grant authority to treat human ailments with limited prescriptive authority or through the performance of minor office procedures to applicants who meet certain requirements. Replaces one public member of the Medical Disciplinary Board.

IL S 2824      SPONSOR:            Munoz [D]  
 TITLE:              Naturopathic Medical Practice Act  
 DISPOSITION:      Pending  
 SUMMARY:  
 Creates the Naturopathic Medical Practice Act. Provides for the regulation of naturopathic physicians through licensure by the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation. Establishes the Board of Naturopathic Medicine, the Naturopathic Childbirth Attendance Advisory Committee, and the Naturopathic Formulary Committee. Sets forth provisions concerning licensure, scope of practice, duties of the Department, and administrative procedure.

MA H 3656      AUTHOR:             Teahan [D]  
 TITLE:              Naturopathic Doctor Registration  
 DISPOSITION:      Pending  
 SUMMARY:  
 Relates to the registration of naturopathic doctors.

MA H 4250      AUTHOR:             Joint Public Health  
 TITLE:              Naturopathic Doctor Registration  
 DISPOSITION:      Pending  
 SUMMARY:  
 Provides for the registration of naturopathic doctors.

MA HD 3183    AUTHOR:             Teahan [D]  
 TITLE:              Naturopathic Doctor Registration  
 DISPOSITION:      Failed  
 SUMMARY:  
 Relates to naturopathic doctors and registration.

MA HD 3184    AUTHOR:             Teahan [D]  
 TITLE:              Naturopathic Doctors  
 DISPOSITION:      Pending  
 SUMMARY:  
 Relates to registration of naturopathic doctors.

MA S 1313      FILED AS:            MA SD 813  
 AUTHOR:             Pacheco [D]  
 TITLE:              Registration of Naturopathic Doctors  
 DISPOSITION:      Pending  
 SUMMARY:  
 Provides for the registration of naturopathic doctors.



MA SD 813 FILED AS: MA S 1313  
AUTHOR: Pacheco [D]  
TITLE: Naturopathic Registration  
DISPOSITION: Pending  
SUMMARY:  
Concerns the registration of naturopathic doctors.

MN H 2312 COMPANION: MN S 2105  
AUTHOR: Walker [DFL]  
TITLE: Naturopathic Doctor License  
DISPOSITION: Failed - Adjourned  
SUMMARY:  
Relates to health; provides for licensing of naturopathic doctors; provides criminal penalties.

MN H 4205 COMPANION: MN S 3232  
AUTHOR: Abeler [R]  
TITLE: Health  
DISPOSITION: Failed - Adjourned  
SUMMARY:  
Relates to health; provides for licensing of naturopathic doctors; provides criminal penalties.

MN S 2105 COMPANION: MN H 2312  
AUTHOR: Moua [DFL]  
TITLE: Health  
DISPOSITION: Failed - Adjourned  
SUMMARY:  
Relates to health; provides for licensing of naturopathic doctors; provides criminal penalties.

MN S 3232 COMPANION: MN H 4205  
AUTHOR: Lourey [DFL]  
TITLE: Health  
DISPOSITION: Failed - Adjourned  
SUMMARY:  
Relates to health; provides for licensing of naturopathic doctors; provides criminal penalties.

MO HCR 24 SPONSOR: Faith [R]  
TITLE: Naturopathic  
DISPOSITION: Failed - Adjourned  
SUMMARY:  
Requests the Governor to establish the "Board of Naturopathic Medical Examiners" to determine the scope of the practice of naturopathic physicians.

MO S 1213 SPONSOR: Coleman [D]  
TITLE: Licensing of Naturopathic Practitioners  
DISPOSITION: Failed - Adjourned  
SUMMARY:  
Regulates the licensing of naturopathic practitioners.



MO SCR 23      SPONSOR:            Coleman [D]  
 TITLE:             Board Of Naturopathic Medical Examiners  
 DISPOSITION:     Failed - Adjourned  
 SUMMARY:  
 Establishes the Board of Naturopathic Medical Examiners.

NC H 1234      SAME AS:            NC S 1025  
 AUTHOR:            Hill [D]  
 TITLE:             Naturopathic Physicians Registration Act  
 DISPOSITION:     Failed - Adjourned  
 SUMMARY:  
 Establishes the North Carolina Naturopathic Physicians Registration Act.

NC S 1025      SAME AS:            NC H 1234  
 AUTHOR:            Kinnaird [D]  
 TITLE:             Naturopathic Physicians Registration Act  
 DISPOSITION:     Failed - Adjourned  
 SUMMARY:  
 Establishes the North Carolina naturopathic physicians registration act.

NY A 3183      SAME AS:            NY S 2134  
 SPONSOR:           Hoyt [D]  
 TITLE:             Naturopaths Certification  
 DISPOSITION:     Pending  
 SUMMARY:  
 Relates to the certifying of naturopaths; defines Naturopathic medicine or naturopathy; creates a State Committee of Naturopathic Medicine; makes related provisions.

NY A 4404      SPONSOR:            Gianaris [D]  
 TITLE:             Natural and Complementary Practitioners  
 DISPOSITION:     Pending  
 SUMMARY:  
 Provides for the registration and regulation of natural and complementary practitioners.

NY A 5208      SAME AS:            NY S 1617  
 SPONSOR:           Hoyt [D]  
 TITLE:             Naturopathic Medicine  
 DISPOSITION:     Pending  
 SUMMARY:  
 Regulates the practice of naturopathic medicine; establishes a state board for naturopathic medicine; establishes requirements to receive a limited permit in naturopathic medicine; establishes mandatory continuing competency for naturopaths; requires licensed naturopaths to report suspected child abuse.

NY A 5384      SPONSOR:            Perry [D]  
 TITLE:             Naturopathic Physician Licensure  
 DISPOSITION:     Pending  
 SUMMARY:  
 Provides for the regulation of the practice of naturopathic medicine; provides for the licensure of naturopathic physicians; establishes a state board for naturopathic medicine; defines terms; makes related provisions.



NY S 1617      SAME AS:            NY A 5208  
                   SPONSOR:          Volker [R]  
                   TITLE:             Naturopathic Medicine  
                   DISPOSITION:    Pending  
                   SUMMARY:  
                   Regulates the practice of naturopathic medicine; establishes a state board for naturopathic medicine; establishes requirements to receive a limited permit in naturopathic medicine; establishes mandatory continuing competency for naturopaths; requires licensed naturopaths to report suspected child abuse.

NY S 2134      SAME AS:            NY A 3183  
                   SPONSOR:          Padavan [R]  
                   TITLE:             Naturopaths Certification  
                   DISPOSITION:    Pending  
                   SUMMARY:  
                   Relates to the certifying of naturopaths; defines Naturopathic medicine or naturopathy; creates a State Committee of Naturopathic Medicine; makes related provisions.

NY S 3334      SPONSOR:          Maziarz [R]  
                   TITLE:             Natural and Complementary Practitioners  
                   DISPOSITION:    Pending  
                   SUMMARY:  
                   Provides for the registration and regulation of natural and complementary practitioners.

OH S 98        SPONSOR:          Clancy [R]  
                   TITLE:             Alternative Health Care  
                   DISPOSITION:    Pending  
                   SUMMARY:  
                   Regards to the provision of complementary or alternative health care services; relates to dietetics and nutritional assessment, counseling, care standards and research; regulates persons involved in the sale of food, food materials or dietary supplements and the promotion or explanation of the use of food materials provided that promotional statements are consistent with the dietary supplement's label or labeling; regulates chiropractic and allopathic doctors.

TN H 1745      SAME AS:            TN S 774  
                   AUTHOR:          Overbey [R]  
                   TITLE:             Medical Occupations  
                   DISPOSITION:    Failed - Adjourned  
                   SUMMARY:  
                   Concerns Medical Occupations; establishes a board of naturopathy and regulates the practice of naturopathy.

TN H 3164      SAME AS:            TN S 3269  
                   AUTHOR:          Windle [D]  
                   TITLE:             Medical Occupations  
                   DISPOSITION:    Failed - Adjourned  
                   SUMMARY:  
                   Concerns Medical Occupations; regulates practice of naturopathy.



TN S 774      SAME AS:            TN H 1745  
AUTHOR:            Burchett [R]  
TITLE:              Medical Occupations  
DISPOSITION:      Failed - Adjourned  
SUMMARY:  
Concerns medical occupations; establishes a Board of Naturopathy and regulates the practice of naturopathy.

TN S 3269      SAME AS:            TN H 3164  
AUTHOR:            Burchett [R]  
TITLE:              Medical Occupations  
DISPOSITION:      Failed - Adjourned  
SUMMARY:  
Relates to Medical Occupations; regulates practice of naturopathy.

VA H 1389      AUTHOR:            Phillips [D]  
TITLE:              Practice of Naturopathy  
DISPOSITION:      Pending - Carryover  
SUMMARY:  
Establishes criteria for the practice of naturopathy, including educational requirements, examinations, scope of practice, requirements for the promulgation of regulations governing the profession, and an advisory board to the Board of Medicine.

VA S 517        AUTHOR:            Puckett [D]  
TITLE:              Practice of Naturopathy  
DISPOSITION:      Pending - Carryover  
SUMMARY:  
Relates to the practice of naturopathy; provides requirements for licensure.

VT H 98        AUTHOR:            Martin C [D]  
TITLE:              Health Insurance  
DISPOSITION:      Failed - Adjourned  
SUMMARY:  
Allows naturopathic physicians providing treatment within their scope of practice to be reimbursed for providing medically necessary health care services that are covered by a health insurance plan.

VT S 23        AUTHOR:            Lyons [D]  
TITLE:              Naturopathic Physicians  
DISPOSITION:      Failed - Adjourned  
SUMMARY:  
Allows naturopathic physicians providing treatment within their scope of practice to be reimbursed for providing medically necessary health care services that are covered by a health insurance plan.

VT S 252        AUTHOR:            Miller [D]  
TITLE:              Insurance Coverage  
DISPOSITION:      Failed - Adjourned  
SUMMARY:  
Requires insurance coverage for naturopathic services in treatment for chronic conditions.



WA H 1546      COMPANION:      WA S 5605  
 AUTHOR:              Clibborn [D]  
 TITLE:                Naturopathic Physicians  
 DISPOSITION:      Enacted  
 CHAPTER:            158  
 SUMMARY:  
 Regulates naturopathic physicians; provides for the development of education and training for the use of controlled substances.

WA S 5605      COMPANION:      WA H 1546  
 AUTHOR:              Thibaudeau [D]  
 TITLE:                Regulating Naturopathic Physicians  
 DISPOSITION:      Failed - Adjourned  
 SUMMARY:  
 Regulates naturopathic physicians.

## Chiropractors

Much of the chiropractic legislation introduced in the 2005-06 legislative session deals with direct access to chiropractic care, co-pays, reimbursement, regulatory recognition in state programs as providers, and licensure. Chapters should be cognizant that chiropractic legislation may not be vetted through hearing and committees we associate with physicians such as health and human services, family and child services, public health, professional registration, etc., and may end up in committees such as education, commerce, business, banking, and even judiciary. Some of the legislation filed in 2005-06 also sought chiropractic representation on state boards and committees outside the purview of practice.

AK H 3            AUTHOR:              Crawford [D]  
 TITLE:                School Exams for Scoliosis  
 DISPOSITION:      Failed - Adjourned  
 SUMMARY:  
 Relates to testing public and private school students for abnormal spinal curvature.

AK S 253        AUTHOR:              Rules Cmt  
 TITLE:                Board Of Chiropractic Examiners  
 DISPOSITION:      Enacted  
 CHAPTER:            22  
 SUMMARY:  
 Extends the termination date for the Board of Chiropractic Examiners; provides for an effective date.

AL H 188        COMPANION:      AL S 110  
 AUTHOR:              Johnson [R]  
 TITLE:                Chiropractic Examiners  
 DISPOSITION:      Failed - Adjourned  
 SUMMARY:  
 Relates to the Board of Chiropractic Examiners; provides for the membership of the board; provides for the operation of the board; provides further for the licensure and regulation of the practice of chiropractic.



AL H 255      COMPANION:      AL S 111  
AUTHOR:            Galliher [R]  
TITLE:              Board Of Chiropractic  
DISPOSITION:      Enacted  
ACT:                2006-553  
SUMMARY:  
Relates to the State Board of Chiropractic Examiners; furthers provide for the grounds for the board to invoke disciplinary action against a licensed chiropractor; specifies that the same grounds would apply to permit holders.

AL H 299      AUTHOR:            Galliher [R]  
TITLE:              State Board of Chiropractic Examine  
DISPOSITION:      Failed - Adjourned  
SUMMARY:  
Relates to the State Board of Chiropractic Examiners; furthers provide for the grounds for the board to invoke disciplinary action against a licensed chiropractor; specifies that the same grounds would apply to permit holders.

AL S 110      COMPANION:      AL H 188  
AUTHOR:            Mitchell [D]  
TITLE:              Board of Chiropractic Examiners  
DISPOSITION:      Enacted  
ACT:                2006-295  
SUMMARY:  
Relates to the Board of Chiropractic Examiners; provides for the membership and operation of the board; provides further for the licensure and regulation of the practice of chiropractic.

AL S 111      COMPANION:      AL H 255  
AUTHOR:            Mitchell [D]  
TITLE:              State Board of Chiropractic Examiners  
DISPOSITION:      Failed - Adjourned  
SUMMARY:  
Relates to the State Board of Chiropractic Examiners; further provides for the grounds for the board to invoke disciplinary action against a licensed chiropractor; specifies that the same grounds would apply to permit holders.

AZ H 2564      AUTHOR:            Anderson [R]  
TITLE:              Chiropractic Care  
DISPOSITION:      Failed - Adjourned  
SUMMARY:  
Relates to chiropractic care.

AZ H 2644      AUTHOR:            Murphy [R]  
TITLE:              Board of Chiropractic Examiners  
DISPOSITION:      Failed - Adjourned  
SUMMARY:  
Relates to the Board of Chiropractic Examiners.



AZ S 1085      AUTHOR:            Allen [R]  
 TITLE:            Chiropractic Services  
 DISPOSITION:    Failed - Adjourned  
 SUMMARY:  
 Concerns the Health Care Cost Containment System; relates to chiropractic services.

AZ S 1154      AUTHOR:            Gray [R]  
 TITLE:            Health Care Insurers Requirements  
 DISPOSITION:    Enacted  
 CHAPTER:        293  
 SUMMARY:  
 Relates to requirements for health care insurers, utilization review agents, procedures for written denial of prior authorization of a service requested by a health care provider on the basis of medical necessity; provides that a health care insurer may use a chiropractor to review any direct denial of prior authorization for chiropractic services requested on the basis of medical necessity.

CA A 1185      AUTHOR:            Koretz [D]  
 TITLE:            Chiropractic Services  
 DISPOSITION:    Failed  
 SUMMARY:  
 Requires a health care service plan contract and a health insurance policy to provide coverage for chiropractic services. Makes these services available to an enrollee or subscriber without a referral from the primary care physician. Requires that a sufficient number of chiropractors be available to provide meaningful access to chiropractic services under the plan.

CA A 3026      AUTHOR:            Lieber [D]  
 TITLE:            Workers' Compensation: Medical Service Visits  
 DISPOSITION:    Pending  
 SUMMARY:  
 Amends existing law that entitles an employee, for injuries occurring on and after a specified date, to no more than 24 chiropractic, 24 occupational therapy, and 24 physical therapy visits per industrial injury, unless an employer authorizes additional visits to specify that an employer may authorize a specific number of additional chiropractic, occupational therapy and physical therapy visits.

CO H 1243      SPONSOR:          Sullivan [R]  
 TITLE:            Chiropractic Care  
 DISPOSITION:    Enacted  
 CHAPTER:        95  
 SUMMARY:  
 Requires professional liability insurance to cover all acts within the scope of chiropractic practice; specifies that professional liability coverage shall cover acupuncture and electrotherapy only if the licensee is authorized to perform such acts; allows the state board of chiropractic examiners to impose a fine on a licensed chiropractor in lieu of suspending a license.



- CT H 5189      INTRODUCER:      Joint Insurance and Real Estate  
 TITLE:            Disclosure of Fee Information by Health Insurers  
 DISPOSITION:    Enacted  
 CHAPTER #:       178  
 SUMMARY:  
 Relates to contracting health organizations and a physician, physician organization, surgeon, chiropractor, podiatrist, psychologist or optometrist; requires a procedure for contracting physicians to view, on a confidential basis, the fee-for-service dollar amount the organization reimburses pursuant to the contract; provides for inclusion of the current procedural terminology codes most commonly performed by the physicians.
- CT S 78         INTRODUCER:      Gunther [R]  
 TITLE:            Medicaid Program  
 DISPOSITION:    Failed  
 SUMMARY:  
 Concerns enhancements to the medicaid program; restores the availability of chiropractic, naturopathic and podiatric services under the Medicaid program.
- CT S 164        INTRODUCER:      Joint Public Health  
 TITLE:            Patient Access To Physical Therapy  
 DISPOSITION:    Enacted  
 CHAPTER #:       125  
 SUMMARY:  
 Concerns patient access to physical therapy; allows physical therapists who meet certain standards to treat patients directly, without referral from another health care practitioner; does not include surgery, prescribing of drugs or development of a medical diagnosis of disease, injury or illness; requires a written referral for spinal manipulation; relates to chiropractors, surgeons, podiatrists, naturopaths and dentists.
- CT S 426        INTRODUCER:      Joint Insurance and Real Estate  
 TITLE:            Chiropractic Services  
 DISPOSITION:    Failed  
 SUMMARY:  
 Concerns limits on chiropractic services; provides that excessive deductibles, copayments or coinsurance amounts with respect to chiropractic services be deemed unfair practices.
- DE H 472        PRIMARY            Cathcart [R]  
 SPONSOR:  
 TITLE:            Chiropractic Opinions for Health Insurance Eligibility  
 DISPOSITION:    Enacted  
 CHAPTER:        380  
 SUMMARY:  
 Prohibits any chiropractor from offering chiropractic opinions to determine eligibility for health insurance policy benefits unless the doctor is duly licensed and actively practicing in the state for an average of ten hours per week; includes all health care plans and policies for payment, provision or reimbursement for chiropractic or medical services, supplies or both issued by health insurers, health service corporations or managed care organizations.



GA H 266      AUTHOR:            Wilkinson [R]  
 TITLE:             Chiropractors  
 DISPOSITION:     Enacted  
 ACT:                80  
 SUMMARY:  
 Relates to chiropractors; provides for additional authority for the board to expunge or delete certain violations from the disciplinary record of any licensee; provides for the additional authority for the board to refuse to grant a license, revoke a license or discipline a licensee.

GA H 377      AUTHOR:            Carter [R]  
 TITLE:             Chiropractors  
 DISPOSITION:     Failed - Adjourned  
 SUMMARY:  
 Relates to chiropractors; provides for additional authority for the board to refuse to grant a license, revoke a license, or discipline a licensee; provides for related matters; repeals conflicting laws.

GA S 147      AUTHOR:            Shafer [R]  
 TITLE:             Chiropractic Practice  
 DISPOSITION:     Failed - Adjourned  
 SUMMARY:  
 Relates to liens of hospitals and nursing homes, so as to allow a chiropractic practice to have a lien on a cause of action accruing to an injured person for the costs of care and treatment arising out of the cause of action; defines a term; changes certain provisions regarding notice; provides for related matters relative to filing a lien; repeals conflicting laws.

GA S 184      AUTHOR:            Unterman [R]  
 TITLE:             Chiropractors  
 DISPOSITION:     Failed - Adjourned  
 SUMMARY:  
 Relates to chiropractors; provides definitions; to provide for the scope of practice; increases the penalty for improper practice; provides for related matters; repeals conflicting laws.

GA S 422      AUTHOR:            Unterman [R]  
 TITLE:             Chiropractors  
 DISPOSITION:     Failed - Adjourned  
 SUMMARY:  
 Relates to chiropractors, so as to provide definitions, scope of practice.

HI H 984      AUTHOR:            Caldwell [D]  
 TITLE:             Workers' Compensation  
 DISPOSITION:     Failed - Adjourned  
 SUMMARY:  
 Establishes loss of workers' compensation benefits for substantial noncompliance with recommended treatment plan. Exempts noncompliance with treatment plan for good cause from loss of benefits penalty. Establishes a limit of 24 visits per year to chiropractor or massage therapy for a work-related injury. Provides process to streamline medical information release as it relates to work-related injuries.



HI H 1087      AUTHOR:            Nishimoto [D]  
                   TITLE:              Chiropractic Care  
                   DISPOSITION:    Failed - Adjourned  
                   SUMMARY:  
                   Requires Med-QUEST and Medicaid coverage for chiropractic care.

HI H 2680      AUTHOR:            Nishimoto [D]  
                   TITLE:              Chiropractic Care  
                   DISPOSITION:    Failed - Adjourned  
                   SUMMARY:  
                   Requires Med-QUEST and Medicaid coverage for chiropractic care; relates to  
                   chiropractic care.

HI S 1022      AUTHOR:            Chun Oakland [D]  
                   TITLE:              Medicaid  
                   DISPOSITION:    Failed - Adjourned  
                   SUMMARY:  
                   Requires medical assistance programs, including Medicaid and QUEST, to provide  
                   chiropractic services.

HI S 1654      AUTHOR:            Sakamoto [D]  
                   TITLE:              Workers' Compensation  
                   DISPOSITION:    Failed - Adjourned  
                   SUMMARY:  
                   Establishes loss of workers' compensation benefits for substantial noncompliance  
                   with recommended treatment plan. Exempts noncompliance with treatment plan  
                   for good cause from loss of benefits penalty. Establishes a limit of 24 visits per  
                   year to chiropractor or massage therapy for a work-related injury. Provides  
                   process to streamline medical information release as it relates to work-related  
                   injuries.

HI S 1657      AUTHOR:            Sakamoto [D]  
                   TITLE:              Workers Compensation  
                   DISPOSITION:    Failed - Adjourned  
                   SUMMARY:  
                   Establishes loss of workers' compensation benefits for noncompliance with a  
                   treatment plan; limits chiropractor or massage therapy visits to 24 per year for a  
                   work-related injury; provides process to streamline medical information release for  
                   work-related injuries; requires that a mutually selected physician do  
                   employer-requested medical exams for workers' compensation permanent  
                   impairment determination cases.

HI S 3205      AUTHOR:            Chun Oakland [D]  
                   TITLE:              Medicaid  
                   DISPOSITION:    Failed - Adjourned  
                   SUMMARY:  
                   Requires medical assistance programs, including Medicaid and QUEST, to provide  
                   chiropractic services; relates to medicaid.



- ID S 1372      AUTHOR:                    Commerce and Human Resources Cmt  
 TITLE:                      Chiropractors  
 DISPOSITION:            Failed - Adjourned  
 SUMMARY:  
 Amends existing law relating to liens to provide that chiropractic physicians shall be entitled to liens for reasonable charges for medical care and treatment in certain circumstances.
- IL H 2199      SPONSOR:                  Madigan [D]  
 TITLE:                      Naprapathic Practice Act  
 DISPOSITION:            Pending  
 SUMMARY:  
 Amends the Naprapathic Practice Act. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning the necessity of a license.
- IL H 2774      SPONSOR:                  Cross [R]  
 TITLE:                      Naprapathic Practice Act  
 DISPOSITION:            Pending - Carryover  
 SUMMARY:  
 Amends the Naprapathic Practice Act. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning the necessity of a license.
- IL H 4472      SPONSOR:                  Coulson [R]  
 TITLE:                      Naprapathic Examinations and Treatments  
 DISPOSITION:            Pending  
 SUMMARY:  
 Amends the Naprapathic Practice Act. Makes a technical change in the Section concerning records of examinations and treatments.
- IL H 4937      SPONSOR:                  Graham [D]  
 TITLE:                      Medical Licensure Examination  
 DISPOSITION:            Pending  
 SUMMARY:  
 Amends the Medical Practice Act of 1987. Provides that any person who fails any step of the examination for licensure as a medical doctor, doctor of osteopathy or osteopathic medicine, or doctor of chiropractic is entitled to take that step of the examination not more than 2 subsequent times.
- IL S 441        SPONSOR:                  Righter [R]  
 TITLE:                      Maximum Allowable Copayment for Health Needs  
 DISPOSITION:            Pending - Carryover  
 SUMMARY:  
 Amends the Illinois Public Aid Code. Increases the maximum allowable co-payment for dental, optical services and supplies, chiropractic services, podiatry services and encounter rate clinic services from \$2 to \$3. Establishes a maximum allowable co-payment of \$2 for emergency room services that are not defined in 42 CFR 447.53(b)(4). Requires the Department of Public Aid to seek a waiver from the U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services under Title XIX.



IN H 1129      AUTHOR:            Kromkowski [D]  
 TITLE:            County Hospital Privileges  
 DISPOSITION:    Failed - Adjourned  
 SUMMARY:  
 Provides that chiropractors, optometrists, and podiatrists are eligible to provide patient care at county hospitals; requires a county hospital's governing board and the board of the health and hospital corporation of Marion County to establish standards to govern practice in the hospital and the granting and retaining of privileges.

IN H 1319      AUTHOR:            Austin [D]  
 TITLE:            Chiropractors And Physical Therapists  
 DISPOSITION:    Failed - Adjourned  
 SUMMARY:  
 Defines manual adjustment in the law governing licensing of chiropractors; defines manual therapy in the law governing licensing of physical therapists, and allows physical therapists to use manual therapy.

KS S 254        AUTHOR:            Public Health and Welfare Cmt  
 TITLE:            Healing Arts Practices  
 DISPOSITION:    Enacted  
 CHAPTER:        2005-117  
 SUMMARY:  
 Relates to occupational therapy, continuing education, persons licensed in another state, persons released from military service and persons not engaged in the practice of the healing arts; relates to a licensed physician assistant, advanced registered nurse practitioner and a licensed chiropractor.

MA H 2947      AUTHOR:            Reinstein [D]  
 TITLE:            Insurance Benefit Regulations for Chiropractic Services  
 DISPOSITION:    Pending  
 SUMMARY:  
 Regulates insurance benefits for chiropractic services under the law relative to health maintenance organizations.

MA S 744        FILED AS:          MA SD 1994  
 AUTHOR:          Panagiotakos [D]  
 TITLE:            Insurance Benefit Regulation  
 DISPOSITION:    Pending  
 SUMMARY:  
 Further regulates health insurance benefits. Relates to podiatry, chiropractic, medical or surgical service and HMOs.

ME LR 1301     AUTHOR:            Office of Sullivan  
 TITLE:            Chiropractic Acupuncture  
 DISPOSITION:    Failed - Adjourned  
 SUMMARY:  
 Redefines chiropractic acupuncture.



ME S 174 LD: 566  
AUTHOR: Sullivan [D]  
TITLE: Chiropractic Acupuncture  
DISPOSITION: Failed  
SUMMARY:  
Amends the definition of "chiropractic acupuncture" to include the use of microelectric current, magnetic stimulation, moxibustion and other forms of heat therapy, therapeutic uses of sound and light, cupping techniques and acupuncture techniques.

MI H 6142 SPONSOR: Newell [R]  
TITLE: Occupation Titles  
DISPOSITION: Pending  
SUMMARY:  
Relocates occupation titles and board provisions for chiropractors.

MI S 483 SPONSOR: Kuipers [R]  
TITLE: Chiropractor Scope  
DISPOSITION: Pending  
SUMMARY:  
Revises the scope of practice for chiropractors.

MN H 2774 COMPANION: MN S 3172  
AUTHOR: Abeler [R]  
TITLE: Health Occupations  
DISPOSITION: Failed - Adjourned  
SUMMARY:  
Relates to health occupations; chiropractors; adds fees.

MN H 3667 COMPANION: MN S 3006  
AUTHOR: Gunther [R]  
TITLE: Health Care  
DISPOSITION: Failed - Adjourned  
SUMMARY:  
Relates to health care; implements advertising restrictions on chiropractors.

MN S 367 COMPANION: MN H 1010  
AUTHOR: Kiscaden [I]  
TITLE: Health Care  
DISPOSITION: Enacted  
CHAPTER #: 267  
SUMMARY:  
Relates to electronic billing assistance for providers under state medical assistance programs, licensure and education of chiropractors, acupuncturist registration fees, medical assistance programs cost containment efforts, reporting of acquired infections, a study of hospital uncompensation care, an anomaly incompatible with life abortion exception, audiologist and speech-language pathologist education and licensure, occupational therapist licensure, and the regulation of hearing aid dispensers.



MN S 3006 COMPANION: MN H 3667  
AUTHOR: Sparks [DFL]  
TITLE: Health Care  
DISPOSITION: Failed - Adjourned  
SUMMARY:  
Relates to health care; implements advertising restrictions on chiropractors.

MN S 3172 COMPANION: MN H 2774  
AUTHOR: Kiscaden [I]  
TITLE: Health Occupations  
DISPOSITION: Failed - Adjourned  
SUMMARY:  
Relates to health occupations; chiropractors; adds fees.

MO H 1226 SPONSOR: Portwood [R]  
TITLE: Health Insurance For Chiropractic Services  
DISPOSITION: Failed - Adjourned  
SUMMARY:  
Requires health insurance coverage for certain chiropractic care services.

MO H 1595 SPONSOR: Portwood [R]  
TITLE: Chiropractor  
DISPOSITION: Failed - Adjourned  
SUMMARY:  
Revises the definition of the practice of chiropractic.

MO S 973 SPONSOR: Shields [R]  
TITLE: Chiropractic Practice  
DISPOSITION: Failed - Adjourned  
SUMMARY:  
Relates to the practice of chiropractic.

MS H 544 AUTHOR: Warren [D]  
TITLE: Board Of Chiropractic Examiners  
DISPOSITION: Enacted  
CHAPTER: 515  
SUMMARY:  
Relates to the Board of Chiropractic Examiners.

MS S 2387 AUTHOR: Nunnelee [R]  
TITLE: State Board Of Chiropractic Examiners  
DISPOSITION: Failed  
SUMMARY:  
State Board of Chiropractic Examiners; extend repealer on.

MS SCR 638 AUTHOR: Little [R]  
TITLE: Chiropractors  
DISPOSITION: Adopted  
SUMMARY:  
Suspends the deadlines for the purpose of requesting the introduction and passage of a bill relating to the State Board of Chiropractic Examiners.



NC H 2869      AUTHOR:            Wright [D]  
 TITLE:            Chiropractic Changes  
 DISPOSITION:    Failed - Adjourned  
 SUMMARY:  
 Pertains to chiropractic treatment reviewers and to authorize a fee for registration of chiropractic treatment reviewers.

NC S 1182      AUTHOR:            Rand [D]  
 TITLE:            2005 Session Adjournment  
 DISPOSITION:    Failed - Adjourned  
 SUMMARY:  
 (Joint Resolution) Sets the time for adjournment of the 2005 general assembly to meet in 2006; limits the subjects that may be considered in that session.

NC S 1882      AUTHOR:            Boseman [D]  
 TITLE:            Governor Vision Program  
 DISPOSITION:    Failed - Adjourned  
 SUMMARY:  
 (Joint Resolution) Authorizes the 2005 General Assembly, regular session 2006, to consider a bill to be entitled an act to repeal the Governor's vision care program; and to repeal an act prohibiting insurers from imposing higher co-payments for chiropractic treatment than that imposed for the same treatment by family care physicians.

NC S 1883      AUTHOR:            Boseman [D]  
 TITLE:            Higher Chiropractic Treatment Payments  
 DISPOSITION:    Failed - Adjourned  
 SUMMARY:  
 (Joint Resolution) Authorizes the 2005 General Assembly, regular session 2006, to consider a bill to be entitled an act to repeal an act prohibiting insurers from imposing higher co-payments for chiropractic treatment than that imposed for the same treatment by family care physicians.

NC S 1884      AUTHOR:            Boseman [D]  
 TITLE:            Chiropractor Payments  
 DISPOSITION:    Failed - Adjourned  
 SUMMARY:  
 Repeals an act prohibiting insurers from imposing higher co-payments for chiropractic treatment than that imposed for the same treatment by family care physicians.

NE L 62        AUTHOR:            Beutler [NP]  
 TITLE:            Chiropractor Liens  
 DISPOSITION:    Failed - Adjourned  
 SUMMARY:  
 Provides for liens for chiropractors.

NE L 934        AUTHOR:            Agriculture Cmt  
 TITLE:            Fence Viewers  
 DISPOSITION:    Failed - Adjourned  
 SUMMARY:  
 Relates to fences; eliminates provisions relating to fence viewers and viewing; creates a civil action relating to fence disputes; provides for mediation of such disputes.



NH LSR 2304    AUTHOR:            Lefebvre [D]  
 TITLE:                Patient Information  
 DISPOSITION:        Failed  
 SUMMARY:  
 Relates to patient information on specialties or expertise of chiropractors.

NJ A 156        SPONSOR:            Vandervalk [R]  
 TITLE:                Chiropractic Services  
 DISPOSITION:        Pending  
 SUMMARY:  
 Requires carriers to use chiropractor to make utilization management decisions concerning chiropractic services.

NJ A 166        SPONSOR:            Vandervalk [R]  
 TITLE:                Practice Of Certification for Professionals  
 DISPOSITION:        Pending  
 SUMMARY:  
 Makes it a crime of the third degree to practice psychology, marriage and family therapy, chiropractic or State-certified psychoanalysis without the appropriate license or certification.

NJ A 1003       SPONSOR:            Prieto [D]  
 TITLE:                Chiropractors Physicians  
 DISPOSITION:        Pending  
 SUMMARY:  
 Requires that chiropractic physicians, podiatric physicians, allopathic physicians, and osteopathic physicians be reimbursed at same rate as other health care providers under various health and accident plans.

NJ A 2639       SPONSOR:            Burzichelli [D]  
 TITLE:                Chiropractors Licenses  
 DISPOSITION:        Pending  
 SUMMARY:  
 Allows certain chiropractors licensed in other states to be licensed in New Jersey.

NJ A 3122       SPONSOR:            Caraballo [D]  
 TITLE:                Chiropractic Practice  
 DISPOSITION:        Pending  
 SUMMARY:  
 Permits revised methods of treatment for chiropractors and establishes continuing education requirements.

NJ S 57         SPONSOR:            Kavanaugh [R]  
 TITLE:                Chiropractors and Physicians  
 DISPOSITION:        Pending  
 SUMMARY:  
 Requires that chiropractic physicians, podiatric physicians, allopathic physicians, osteopathic physicians, dentists, and other health care providers be reimbursed at same rate for the same service.



NJ S 1066      SPONSOR:            Sweeney [D]  
                           TITLE:                Chiropractors Licensure  
                           DISPOSITION:      Pending  
                           SUMMARY:  
 Allows certain chiropractors licensed in other states to be licensed in New Jersey.

NM H 31         AUTHOR:             Lundstrom [D]  
                           TITLE:                Medicaid Reimbursement  
                           DISPOSITION:      Failed - Adjourned  
                           SUMMARY:  
 Relates to health; requires medicaid reimbursement for services provided by licensed chiropractic physicians.

NM H 33         AUTHOR:             Lundstrom [D]  
                           TITLE:                Practice of Chiropractic  
                           DISPOSITION:      Enacted  
                           CHAPTER:            18  
                           SUMMARY:  
 Amends certain sections of the chiropractic physician practice act.

NM S 201        AUTHOR:             Campos [D]  
                           TITLE:                The Chiropractic Physician Practice Act  
                           DISPOSITION:      Failed - Adjourned  
                           SUMMARY:  
 Relates to the practice of chiropractic; amends certain sections of The Chiropractic Physician Practice Act.

NM S 202        AUTHOR:             Campos [D]  
                           TITLE:                The Chiropractic Physician Practice Act  
                           DISPOSITION:      Failed - Adjourned  
                           SUMMARY:  
 Relates to licensure; authorizes The Chiropractic Board to promulgate rules and regulations for non-human patients; amends The Chiropractic Physician Practice Act.

NV BDR 132     AUTHOR:             Office of Carlton  
 (2007)            TITLE:                Chiropractic Physicians' Board  
                           DISPOSITION:      Pending  
                           SUMMARY:  
 Makes various changes concerning Chiropractic Physicians' Board of Nevada.

NY A 452        SPONSOR:            Gunther [D]  
                           TITLE:                Dentists and Regents Physician Loan Forgiveness  
                           DISPOSITION:      Pending  
                           SUMMARY:  
 Expands the Regents Physician Loan Forgiveness program to include dentists.



NY A 536      SAME AS:            NY S 356  
SPONSOR:        Lentol [D]  
TITLE:            Chiropractors Second Opinion  
DISPOSITION:    Pending  
SUMMARY:  
Provides that chiropractors may give second opinions and other services without employer approval, certify disability for handicapped parking and real property tax purposes and be employed by school districts to assist medical inspectors; gives chiropractors good Samaritan immunity and changes malpractice statute of limitations for chiropractors.

NY A 941      SAME AS:            NY S 886  
SPONSOR:        Tokasz [D]  
TITLE:            Licensing of Chiropractic Assistants  
DISPOSITION:    Pending  
SUMMARY:  
Provides for licensing of chiropractic assistants and brings them within the purview of the general provisions for all professions; adds a chiropractic assistant and a member of the Public to the State Board of Chiropractic; establishes various requirements for licensure including application, education, examination, registration and fees.

NY A 1156     SAME AS:            NY S 3990  
SPONSOR:        Grannis [D]  
TITLE:            Licensure Requirement of Citizenship  
DISPOSITION:    Pending  
SUMMARY:  
Eliminates the licensure requirement of citizenship or permanent residence where such requirement presently exists in the professions of certified shorthand reporting, chiropractic, dental hygiene and dentistry, landscape architecture, land surveying, massage, medicine, midwifery, pharmacy, professional engineering, veterinary medicine and veterinary technology.

NY A 2288     SAME AS:            NY S 1184  
SPONSOR:        Sayward [R]  
TITLE:            Licensed Physicians  
DISPOSITION:    Pending  
SUMMARY:  
Authorizes any person licensed as a physician, physician's assistant, massage therapist, physical therapist, chiropractor, dentist, optometrist, nurse, nurse practitioner or podiatrist in another state or territory and appointed by Ironman USA Holdings, Inc. to practice his or her profession in this state in connection with an athletic event sanctioned by such corporation.

NY A 2880     SPONSOR:           Pretlow [D]  
TITLE:            Chiropractic Services  
DISPOSITION:    Pending  
SUMMARY:  
Includes chiropractic services within the definition of "comprehensive health services" for purposes of health maintenance organizations; enables a member of a health maintenance organization request the services of a chiropractor when the member has an ailment, illness, condition or injury, the treatment for which falls within the scope of a licensed chiropractor.



NY A 3900      SPONSOR:            Lopez [D]  
                   TITLE:                Chiropractor Reimbursement Services  
                   DISPOSITION:      Pending  
                   SUMMARY:  
                   Requires the Workers' Compensation Board to reimburse chiropractors for individual services and modalities lawfully rendered by such chiropractor in the treatment of an injured worker.

NY A 4528      SAME AS:            NY S 3700  
                   SPONSOR:            Lentol [D]  
                   TITLE:                Medical Assistance for Needy Persons  
                   DISPOSITION:      Pending  
                   SUMMARY:  
                   Permits medical assistance for needy persons for Medicaid payments for care and services provided by chiropractors and supplies related thereto.

NY A 4590      SPONSOR:            Lopez [D]  
                   TITLE:                Certification of Chiropractors as Acupuncturists  
                   DISPOSITION:      Pending  
                   SUMMARY:  
                   Relates to the certification of chiropractors as acupuncturists; authorizes the Department of Education to establish rules and regulations providing for the certification of chiropractors as acupuncturists.

NY A 5226      SPONSOR:            Lopez [D]  
                   TITLE:                Chiropractors  
                   DISPOSITION:      Pending  
                   SUMMARY:  
                   Requires that the state board for chiropractic be composed of not less than seven members and such members shall be chiropractors licensed in New York state for at least five years, deleting requirement of four chiropractors and three other professionals.

NY A 5890      SPONSOR:            Canestrari [D]  
                   TITLE:                Chiropractic Board Membership Changes  
                   DISPOSITION:      Pending  
                   SUMMARY:  
                   Changes requirements for membership on the State Board of Chiropractic to require members to be chiropractors in this state for at least 5 years; deletes designation of 2 licensed physicians and 1 educator.

NY A 7488      SAME AS:            NY S 5125  
                   SPONSOR:            Gunther [D]  
                   TITLE:                Video Fluoroscopy Use by Chiropractors  
                   DISPOSITION:      Pending  
                   SUMMARY:  
                   Provides that chiropractors may use video fluoroscopy for the detection of structural imbalance, distortion, or subluxations in the human body.



NY A 8340      SAME AS:            NY S 5369  
                   SPONSOR:          Lentol [D]  
                   TITLE:             Reimbursement for Chiropractic Care  
                   DISPOSITION:     Pending  
                   SUMMARY:  
                   Requires the availability of and reimbursement for chiropractic care under the Workers' Compensation Law to be provided on the same basis as care by a physician under such law.

NY A 10002    SPONSOR:          McDonough [R]  
                   TITLE:             Chiropractors  
                   DISPOSITION:     Pending  
                   SUMMARY:  
                   Allows chiropractors to certify disabilities for severely disabled persons to register their vehicles. Provides that chiropractors duly licensed in this state shall be allowed to certify only those conditions that he or she treats in course of the practice of chiropractics.

NY A 10699    SPONSOR:          McKevitt [R]  
                   TITLE:             Elderly Abuse Training  
                   DISPOSITION:     Pending  
                   SUMMARY:  
                   Requires physicians, chiropractors, dentists, registered nurses, podiatrists, optometrists, psychiatrists, psychologists, and dental hygienists to have completed two hours of coursework or training regarding the identification and reporting of elderly abuse prior to the renewal of a license, registration or limited permit; provides procedures and provides for exemptions when no need therefor.

NY S 356      SAME AS:            NY A 536  
                   SPONSOR:          Johnson [R]  
                   TITLE:             Chiropractors Second Opinion  
                   DISPOSITION:     Pending  
                   SUMMARY:  
                   Provides that chiropractors may give second opinions and other services without employer approval, certify disability for handicapped parking and real property tax purposes and be employed by school districts to assist medical inspectors; gives chiropractors good samaritan immunity and changes malpractice statute of limitations for chiropractors.

NY S 886      SAME AS:            NY A 941  
                   SPONSOR:          Volker [R]  
                   TITLE:             Licensing of Chiropractic Assistants  
                   DISPOSITION:     Pending  
                   SUMMARY:  
                   Provides for licensing of chiropractic assistants and brings them within the purview of the general provisions for all professions; adds a chiropractic assistant and a member of the Public to the State Board of Chiropractic; establishes various requirements for licensure including application, education, examination, registration and fees.



NY S 1752      SPONSOR:            Nozzolio [R]  
                   TITLE:                Chiropractic Tests  
                   DISPOSITION:      Pending  
                   SUMMARY:  
                   Permits chiropractors to perform certain non-assayable tests; including specimen collection, approved as appropriate to the practice of chiropractic.

NY S 1753      SPONSOR:            Nozzolio [R]  
                   TITLE:                Chiropractor Reimbursement Services  
                   DISPOSITION:      Pending  
                   SUMMARY:  
                   Requires the Workers' Compensation Board to reimburse chiropractors for individual services and modalities lawfully rendered by such chiropractor in the treatment of an injured worker.

NY S 1754      SPONSOR:            Nozzolio [R]  
                   TITLE:                Certification of Chiropractors as Acupuncturists  
                   DISPOSITION:      Pending  
                   SUMMARY:  
                   Relates to the certification of chiropractors as acupuncturists; authorizes the Department of Education to establish rules and regulations providing for the certification of chiropractors as acupuncturists.

NY S 3700      SAME AS:            NY A 4528  
                   SPONSOR:            Skelos [R]  
                   TITLE:                Medical Assistance for Needy Persons  
                   DISPOSITION:      Pending  
                   SUMMARY:  
                   Permits medical assistance for needy persons for Medicaid payments for care and services provided by chiropractors and supplies related thereto.

NY S 3990      SAME AS:            NY A 1156  
                   SPONSOR:            Andrews [D]  
                   TITLE:                Licensure Requirement of Citizenship  
                   DISPOSITION:      Pending  
                   SUMMARY:  
                   Eliminates the licensure requirement of citizenship or permanent residence where such requirement presently exists in the professions of certified shorthand reporting, chiropractic, dental hygiene and dentistry, landscape architecture, land surveying, massage, medicine, pharmacy, professional engineering, veterinary medicine and veterinary technology.

NY S 5125      SAME AS:            NY A 7488  
                   SPONSOR:            Bonacic [R]  
                   TITLE:                Video Fluoroscopy Use by Chiropractors  
                   DISPOSITION:      Pending  
                   SUMMARY:  
                   Provides that chiropractors may use video fluoroscopy for the detection of structural imbalance, distortion, or subluxations in the human body.



NY S 5174      SPONSOR:            Spano [R]  
                   TITLE:                Chiropractic License to Work on Vertebral Column  
                   DISPOSITION:      Pending  
                   SUMMARY:  
                   Provides that no person shall perform manipulation of the vertebral column, joints or adjacent structures unless licensed to practice chiropractic or medicine.

NY S 5369      SAME AS:            NY A 8340  
                   SPONSOR:            Spano [R]  
                   TITLE:                Reimbursement for Chiropractic Care  
                   DISPOSITION:      Pending  
                   SUMMARY:  
                   Requires the availability of and reimbursement for chiropractic care under the Workers' Compensation Law to be provided on the same basis as care by a physician under such law.

NY S 6974      SPONSOR:            Klein [D]  
                   TITLE:                Elderly Abuse Preparation  
                   DISPOSITION:      Pending  
                   SUMMARY:  
                   Requires physicians, chiropractors, dentists, registered nurses, podiatrists, optometrists, psychiatrists, psychologists, and dental hygienists to have completed two hours of coursework or training regarding the identification and reporting of elderly abuse prior to the renewal of a license, registration or limited permits.

OH S 40        SPONSOR:            Jordan [R]  
                   TITLE:                Chiropractic Business  
                   DISPOSITION:      Pending  
                   SUMMARY:  
                   Regarding solicitation of chiropractic business.

OH S 98        SPONSOR:            Clancy [R]  
                   TITLE:                Alternative Health Care  
                   DISPOSITION:      Pending  
                   SUMMARY:  
                   Regards to the provision of complementary or alternative health care services; relates to dietetics and nutritional assessment, counseling, care standards and research; regulates persons involved in the sale of food, food materials or dietary supplements and the promotion or explanation of the use of food materials provided that promotional statements are consistent with the dietary supplement's label or labelling; regulates chiropractic and allopathic doctors.

OH S 246      SPONSOR:            Schuring [R]  
                   TITLE:                Acupuncture  
                   DISPOSITION:      Pending  
                   SUMMARY:  
                   Permits a chiropractor who obtains a certificate to practice acupuncture from the State Chiropractic Board to practice acupuncture; authorizes a chiropractor to supervise the performance of acupuncture by acupuncturists registered by the State Medical Board of Ohio.



OK H 1366      AUTHOR:            Case [R]  
 TITLE:            The Oklahoma Chiropractic Practice Act  
 DISPOSITION:    Failed - Adjourned  
 SUMMARY:  
 Relates to the Oklahoma Chiropractic Practice Act; relates to the Chiropractic Education Scholarship Program; clarifies administration of scholarship program; provides an effective date.

OK H 1811      AUTHOR:            Armes [R]  
 TITLE:            The Oklahoma Chiropractic Practice Act  
 DISPOSITION:    Enacted  
 ENACT:            149  
 SUMMARY:  
 Relates to the Oklahoma Chiropractic Practice Act; relates to the Board of Chiropractic Examiners; restricts membership of Board; provides for certain specialties; provides for background checks; provides for certain training, continuing education, and seminars; requires registration of chiropractic claims consultants.

OK H 2123      AUTHOR:            Wright [R]  
 TITLE:            Board Of Chiropractic Examiners  
 DISPOSITION:    Enacted  
 ENACT:            40  
 SUMMARY:  
 Re-creates the board of Chiropractic Examiners to regulate the practice of chiropractic and extends the termination date of the board; specifies requirements for members of the board.

OK HCR 1052    AUTHOR:            Wright [R]  
 TITLE:            Board of Chiropractic Examiners  
 DISPOSITION:    Failed - Adjourned  
 SUMMARY:  
 Relates to the rules of the Oklahoma Board of Chiropractic Examiners.

OK HJR 1073    AUTHOR:            Balkman [R]  
 TITLE:            Oklahoma Board of Chiropractic Examiners  
 DISPOSITION:    Failed - Adjourned  
 SUMMARY:  
 Relates to permanent rules of the Oklahoma Board of Chiropractic Examiners regarding fees.

OK S 415        AUTHOR:            McIntyre [D]  
 TITLE:            Board of Chiropractic Examiners  
 DISPOSITION:    Enacted  
 ENACT:            16  
 SUMMARY:  
 Relates to the Board of Chiropractic Examiners; provides for appointment and terms of members.



OK S 1522      AUTHOR:            Leftwich [D]  
 TITLE:             Insurance  
 DISPOSITION:     Failed - Adjourned  
 SUMMARY:  
 Relates to insurance; requires certain equal reimbursement for specified services; prohibits certain higher copayment; provides for codification; provides that an insurer shall not impose as a limitation on treatment or level of coverage a copayment amount charged to the insured for chiropractic services that is higher than the copayment amount charged to the insured for the services of a duly licensed primary care physician for the same medically necessary treatment or condition.

OK S 1552      AUTHOR:            Leftwich [D]  
 TITLE:             Chiropractic Licensure  
 DISPOSITION:     Enacted  
 ENACT:             36  
 SUMMARY:  
 Relates to professions and occupations; relates to the Chiropractic Act; provides for renewal license fees; modifies certain requirements for renewal; provides an effective date.

OK S 1908      AUTHOR:            Morgan [D]  
 TITLE:             Public Health And Safety  
 DISPOSITION:     Failed - Adjourned  
 SUMMARY:  
 Relates to public health and safety; relates to maternal and infant health; updates statutory cite; provides an effective date.

OK SJR 64      AUTHOR:            Leftwich [D]  
 TITLE:             Board of Chiropractic Examiners  
 DISPOSITION:     Enacted  
 SUMMARY:  
 Relates to proposed permanent rules of the Board of Chiropractic Examiners regarding chiropractic specialties.

PA H 1031      PN:                 2308  
 AUTHOR:            Sturla [D]  
 TITLE:             Vital Statistics Act of 1953  
 DISPOSITION:     Pending  
 SUMMARY:  
 Amends the Vital Statistics Act of 1953. Provides for certificate of stillbirth. Provides that upon request from the mother or father, a certificate of stillbirth shall be issued in lieu of a certificate of fetal death for any fetal death previously filed. Provides that the fee for the issuance will be the same as the fee for a death certificate. Provides that the mother or father may provide the name of the stillborn child on the certificate of stillbirth.



PA HR 373      PN:                    2342  
AUTHOR:            Cohen [D]  
TITLE:                Chiropractic Fellowship  
DISPOSITION:      Adopted  
SUMMARY:  
Commends the Chiropractic Fellowship of Pennsylvania for its educational efforts, and recognizes the week of September 11 through 17, 2005, as "Vertebral Subluxation Awareness Week" in Pennsylvania.

SC H 3200      AUTHOR:            Coates [R]  
TITLE:                Chiropractic Services Reimbursement  
DISPOSITION:      Failed - Adjourned  
SUMMARY:  
Provides that an entity that pays or reimburses health benefits may not discriminate in the amount paid or reimbursed for chiropractic services.

SC H 3409      AUTHOR:            Harrison [R]  
TITLE:                Licensure and Regulation of Chiropractors  
DISPOSITION:      Failed - Adjourned  
SUMMARY:  
Relates to the licensure and regulation of chiropractors; authorizes the treatment of articulation and extremities and the use of acupuncture under certain conditions; allows out-of-state chiropractors to obtain licensure by endorsement; requires malpractice insurance; authorizes medical and psychological records.

SC H 4194      AUTHOR:            McLeod [D]  
TITLE:                Heath Facilities  
DISPOSITION:      Failed - Adjourned  
SUMMARY:  
Relates to definitions of terms used in the licensure and regulation of health facilities; deletes the definition of chiropractic inpatient facility; revises the definitions of health care facility and hospital; defines birthing center; relates to exemptions from the licensure and regulation of health facilities.

TN H 466        AUTHOR:            Odom [D]  
TITLE:                Chiropractors  
DISPOSITION:      Failed - Adjourned  
SUMMARY:  
Concerns Chiropractors; authorizes up to five hours of continuing education requirements to be obtained over the Internet; makes fees set for late renewal of membership be set by board.

TN H 477        SAME AS:            TN S 486  
AUTHOR:            Odom [D]  
TITLE:                Workers Compensation  
DISPOSITION:      Enacted  
CHAPTER #:        105  
SUMMARY:  
Concerns Workers' Compensation; adds a chiropractor to the membership of the medical care and cost containment committee.



TN H 478      SAME AS:            TN S 551  
AUTHOR:            Odom [D]  
TITLE:                Chiropractors  
DISPOSITION:      Failed - Adjourned  
SUMMARY:  
Concerns Chiropractors; changes minimum number of hours of continuing education for chiropractors from an amount not to exceed 15 clock hours to at least 12 hours in any calendar year.

TN H 754      SAME AS:            TN S 1154  
AUTHOR:            Clem [R]  
TITLE:                Physician Liability  
DISPOSITION:      Failed - Adjourned  
SUMMARY:  
Decreases liability for physicians when rendering emergency care for minors from negligence to gross negligence.

TN H 762      SAME AS:            TN S 1130  
AUTHOR:            Odom [D]  
TITLE:                Workers Compensation for Back Injuries  
DISPOSITION:      Enacted  
CHAPTER #:        107  
SUMMARY:  
Concerns workers' compensation; removes the June 30, 2005 sunset provision for chiropractic inclusion on the workers' compensation panels if the injury is a back injury; authorizes more than twelve visits per back injury if approved by the employer.

TN H 763      AUTHOR:            Odom [D]  
TITLE:                Workers Compensation  
DISPOSITION:      Failed - Adjourned  
SUMMARY:  
Concerns workers' compensation; removes the June 30, 2005 sunset provision for chiropractic inclusion on the workers' compensation panels if the injury is a back injury.

TN H 1376     SAME AS:            TN S 1646  
AUTHOR:            Pinion [D]  
TITLE:                Public Property  
DISPOSITION:      Failed - Adjourned  
SUMMARY:  
Concerns public property; authorizes local governments to own or operate any plant or facility for the manufacture or production of hot mix asphalt if the local government can demonstrate a documented need for the facility and a cost benefit analysis is conducted.

TN H 1512     SAME AS:            TN S 1376  
AUTHOR:            Kernell [D]  
TITLE:                Sunset Laws  
DISPOSITION:      Failed - Adjourned  
SUMMARY:  
Concerns Sunset Laws; Board of Chiropractic Examiners, June 30, 2009.



TN H 2734      SAME AS:              TN S 2523  
AUTHOR:              Kernell [D]  
TITLE:                 Sunset Laws  
DISPOSITION:        Enacted  
CHAPTER #:          794  
SUMMARY:  
Concerns Sunset Laws; board of chiropractic examiners, June 30, 2010.

TN H 3204      SAME AS:              TN S 3420  
AUTHOR:              Odom [D]  
TITLE:                 Insurance, Health, Accident  
DISPOSITION:        Failed - Adjourned  
SUMMARY:  
Concerns Insurance, Health, Accident; requires chiropractic services be treated the same as other medical services under the same insurance policy.

TN H 3205      SAME AS:              TN S 3421  
AUTHOR:              Odom [D]  
TITLE:                 Chiropractors  
DISPOSITION:        Enacted  
CHAPTER #:          775  
SUMMARY:  
Concerns Chiropractors; clarifies that chiropractors can practice acupuncture as part of their chiropractic practice.

TN S 486        SAME AS:              TN H 477  
AUTHOR:              Bryson [R]  
TITLE:                 Workers' Compensation  
DISPOSITION:        Failed  
SUMMARY:  
Concerns Workers' Compensation; adds a chiropractor to the membership of the medical care and cost containment committee.

TN S 551        SAME AS:              TN H 478  
AUTHOR:              Black [R]  
TITLE:                 Chiropractors  
DISPOSITION:        Enacted  
CHAPTER #:          81  
SUMMARY:  
Concerns chiropractors; changes minimum number of hours of continuing education for chiropractors from an amount not to exceed 15 clock hours to at least 12 hours in any calendar year.

TN S 1130      SAME AS:              TN H 762  
AUTHOR:              Cooper [D]  
TITLE:                 Workers' Compensation  
DISPOSITION:        Failed  
SUMMARY:  
Concerns Workers' Compensation; removes the June 30, 2005, sunset provision for chiropractic inclusion on the workers' compensation panels if the injury is a back injury; authorizes more than 12 visits per back injury if approved by the employer.



TN S 1376      SAME AS:            TN H 1512  
AUTHOR:            Harper [D]  
TITLE:                Sunset Laws  
DISPOSITION:      Failed - Adjourned  
SUMMARY:  
Concerns Sunset Laws; board of chiropractic examiners, June 30, 2009.

TN S 1480      AUTHOR:            Jackson [D]  
TITLE:                Chiropractors  
DISPOSITION:      Failed - Adjourned  
SUMMARY:  
Concerns Chiropractors; authorizes up to five hours of continuing education requirements to be obtained over the Internet; makes fees set for late renewal of membership be set by board.

TN S 2523      SAME AS:            TN H 2734  
AUTHOR:            Harper [D]  
TITLE:                Sunset Laws  
DISPOSITION:      Failed - Adjourned  
SUMMARY:  
Concerns Sunset Laws; board of chiropractic examiners, June 30, 2010.

TN S 3420      SAME AS:            TN H 3204  
AUTHOR:            Jackson [D]  
TITLE:                Health and Accident Insurance  
DISPOSITION:      Failed - Adjourned  
SUMMARY:  
Concerns Insurance, Health, Accident; requires chiropractic services be treated the same as other medical services under the same insurance policy.

TN S 3421      SAME AS:            TN H 3205  
AUTHOR:            Jackson [D]  
TITLE:                Chiropractors and Acupuncture  
DISPOSITION:      Failed - Adjourned  
SUMMARY:  
Concerns Chiropractors; clarifies that chiropractors can practice acupuncture as part of their chiropractic practice.

VA H 1110      AUTHOR:            Athey [R]  
TITLE:                Immunity of Physicians for Laboratory Results and Exams  
DISPOSITION:      Enacted  
CHAPTER:            684  
SUMMARY:  
Provides that a physician is not liable for failing to review or act on laboratory tests or examinations not authorized or requested unless the report of the test results is provided directly to the physician by the patient with a request for consultation; provides that the liability exemption does not apply under certain circumstances; includes the practice of medicine, chiropractic and osteopathy.



VA H 1399      AUTHOR:            Hargrove [R]  
 TITLE:             Board for Barbers and Cosmetology  
 DISPOSITION:     Pending - Carryover  
 SUMMARY:  
 Requires the licensure of laser or light therapy technicians; increases the membership of the Board for Barbers and Cosmetology by adding a laser or light therapy technician; limits the current exemption from licensure for nurses by requiring them to be performing activities under the responsibility of persons authorized to practice medicine and surgery or osteopathy or chiropractic.

VT H 199        AUTHOR:            Government Operations Cmt  
 TITLE:             Professions and Occupations  
 DISPOSITION:     Enacted  
 ACT:                27  
 SUMMARY:  
 Relates to the regulation of professions and occupations regulated by the office of professional regulation or by boards attached to that office; makes adjustments to the systems for regulating nursing home administrators, architects, barbers, cosmetologists, estheticians, nail technicians, chiropractors, dentists, professional engineers, funeral directors, optometrists, pharmacists, physical therapists, and real estate brokers.

VT H 440        AUTHOR:            Milkey [D]  
 TITLE:             Chiropractic Services  
 DISPOSITION:     Failed - Adjourned  
 SUMMARY:  
 Ensures that Medicaid beneficiaries may receive medically necessary chiropractic services.

VT S 125        AUTHOR:            Miller [D]  
 TITLE:             Chiropractic Coverage  
 DISPOSITION:     Failed - Adjourned  
 SUMMARY:  
 Reinstates chiropractic coverage under the Medicaid and Vermont Health Access Plan programs.

VT S 275        AUTHOR:            Mullin [R]  
 TITLE:             Chiropractic Profession  
 DISPOSITION:     Failed - Adjourned  
 SUMMARY:  
 Amends the definition of chiropractic.

WA S 6698      AUTHOR:            Pridemore [D]  
 TITLE:             Dietary Supplements  
 DISPOSITION:     Failed - Adjourned  
 SUMMARY:  
 Exempts dietary supplements sold by chiropractors to their patients from sales and use tax.



WI A 1039      AUTHOR:                Kestell [R]  
                  TITLE:                Liability Insurance Claim Settlement Checks  
                  DISPOSITION:        Failed  
                  SUMMARY:  
                  Relates to persons to whom liability insurance claim settlement checks must be made payable; independent evaluations for insurance coverage of chiropractic treatment; current procedural terminology codes on health insurance claim forms; and direct payment to a chiropractor.

WI S 614      AUTHOR:                Schultz [R]  
                  TITLE:                Insurance Claim Settlement Checks  
                  DISPOSITION:        Failed  
                  SUMMARY:  
                  Relates to persons to whom liability insurance claim settlement checks must be made payable, independent evaluations for insurance coverage of chiropractic treatment; current procedural terminology codes on health insurance claim forms and direct payment to a chiropractor; prohibits higher copayment or coinsurance requirements for services of a chiropractor.

## Midwives

It is said that politics makes for strange bedfellows and so it goes with the plethora of midwifery legislation introduced in the 2005-06 legislative sessions. Lay midwives have been seeking to expand the acceptance of their profession and are coming up against nurse midwives and advance nurse practitioners. The question of safety, quality, and appropriate care in emergency situations is often left out of the legislation. The legislation is framed as one of patient choice and natural at home births/birthing centers versus a sterile or unclean hospital setting. Some of the legislation requires disclosure of educational background and others did not. Some even included language which exempted the lay midwife from medical liability or providing proof of coverage. Click here for the [AAFP Policy on Certified Nurse Midwives](#). You will also want to look at the AAFP [Clinical Policy on Trial Labor after Cesarean Section](#).

AL H 310      AUTHOR:                Hall L [D]  
                  TITLE:                Practice of Midwifery  
                  DISPOSITION:        Failed - Adjourned  
                  SUMMARY:  
                  Permits the continuation of the practice of midwifery by adding Sections 34-19-11 to 34-19-17, inclusive, to the Code of Alabama 1975, and by amending Sections 34-19-2 and 34-19-3, Code of Alabama 1975, to provide for a Certified Professional Midwife license issued by the State Department of Public Health; specifies rules and regulations for a licensed midwife; provides for a licensing fee; creates the Midwifery Advisory Board.

CT H 5474      INTRODUCER:        Joint Public Health  
                  TITLE:                Nurse Midwifery  
                  DISPOSITION:        Failed - Adjourned  
                  SUMMARY:  
                  Concerns nurse midwifery; revises scope of practice and licensure requirements for nurse-midwives.



GA HR 1341    AUTHOR:            Benfield [D]  
 TITLE:                Direct Entry Midwifery Study  
 DISPOSITION:        Failed - Adjourned  
 SUMMARY:  
 Creates the Joint Study Committee on Direct Entry Midwifery.

MA H 2679    AUTHOR:            Khan [D]  
 TITLE:                Midwife and Physician Procedure Collaboration  
 DISPOSITION:        Pending  
 SUMMARY:  
 Relates to the collaboration of nurse-midwives and physicians in certain medical procedures.

MO S 637     SPONSOR:            Cauthorn [R]  
 TITLE:                The Practice of Midwifery  
 DISPOSITION:        Failed - Adjourned  
 SUMMARY:  
 Relates to the practice of midwifery.

NH LSR 2533    AUTHOR:            Martin J [R]  
 TITLE:                Midwives  
 DISPOSITION:        Failed - Adjourned  
 SUMMARY:  
 Relates to the licensure of certified midwives.

OK S 2049    AUTHOR:            Anderson [R]  
 TITLE:                Professions And Occupations  
 DISPOSITION:        Failed - Adjourned  
 SUMMARY:  
 Relates to professions and occupations; creates the Oklahoma Midwifery Practice Act; provides short title; defines terms; provides exceptions to act; authorizes State Board of Health to adopt and promulgate certain rules; empowers Board to perform certain investigations, require production of certain records and seek injunctive relief; creates the Advisory Committee on Midwifery.

WI A 709     AUTHOR:            Underheim [R]  
 TITLE:                Midwives Licensing  
 DISPOSITION:        Failed  
 SUMMARY:  
 Relates to licensing midwives, granting rule-making authority, and provides a penalty.

## Nurse/Nurse Practitioners

Family physicians have utilized certified nurse midwives, nurse practitioners, and physician assistants in extending the availability of health care more than any other medical specialty. Approximately thirty percent of family physicians report utilizing at least one of these non-physician providers (NPPs) in their practices. Moreover, family physicians have been at the forefront of innovation in the utilization of NPPs, especially in underserved communities. The Academy has supported a wide variety of efforts by policy makers to improve access to health care services in underserved communities including the innovative utilization of NPPs.



The increasing variety of situations in which NPPs are utilized and the growing tendency of health policy makers to identify NPPs as a means of improving the availability of health care services raises important issues regarding the appropriate relationship between NPPs and their supervising physicians. Current Academy policy on NPPs stipulates that these providers always function under the "direction and responsible supervision of a practicing, licensed physician. The Academy, however, believes that practicing physicians and health policy makers will benefit from a more detailed set of guidelines on the supervision of NPPs.

The legislative and regulatory relationship between physicians and non-physician providers needs to be preserved with the focus and responsibility for patient care residing with the physician.

[AAFP Non Physician Provider Discussion Paper](#)  
[AAFP Policy on Nurse Practitioners](#)  
[AAFP Policy on Integrated Practice Arrangements.](#)

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| FL S 602  | COMPARE:<br>SIMILAR:<br>AUTHOR:<br>TITLE:<br>DISPOSITION:<br>SUMMARY:   | FL S 1600<br>FL H 485<br>Saunders [R]<br>Specialty Nursing<br>Failed        |
|           | Relates to specialty nursing; defines terms clinical nurse specialist practice and clinical nurse specialist; provides requirements for certification as clinical nurse specialist; adds said specialist to classifications of advanced registered nurse practitioners; restricts use of professional titles and abbreviations regarding said specialist and certified registered nurse anesthetist practice.   |   |
| GA H 935  | AUTHOR:<br>TITLE:<br>DISPOSITION:<br>SUMMARY:   | Burmeister [R]<br>Advanced Practice Registered Nurse<br>Failed - Adjourned  |
|           | Relates to delegation of authority to a nurse or physician's assistant; provides for prescriptive authority of advanced practice registered nurses; deletes a provision relating to a Drug Enforcement Administration license; provides for related matters; repeals conflicting laws.  |   |
| IL S 2239 | SPONSOR:<br>TITLE:<br>DISPOSITION:<br>SUMMARY:  | Ronen [D]<br>Mid Level Practitioner Controlled Substance License<br>Pending |
|           | Amends the Nursing and Advanced Practice Nursing Act. Adds Schedule II controlled substances to the list of controlled substances that an advanced practice nurse must obtain a mid-level practitioner controlled substance license for in order to prescribe. Amends the Pharmacy Practice Act of 1987. Exempts the delegation of limited prescriptive authority regarding Schedule II controlled substances by a physician licensed to practice medicine in all its branches. |   |



KS H 2256      AUTHOR:            Health and Human Services Cmt  
                   TITLE:             Health Care  
                   DISPOSITION:    Failed - Adjourned  
                   SUMMARY:  
                   Concerns health care; relates to advanced registered nurse practitioners.

KY H 102       BR:                 180  
                   SPONSOR:        Marzian [D]  
                   TITLE:            Nursing Multistate Licensure Compact  
                   DISPOSITION:    Enacted  
                   CHAPTER:        86  
                   SUMMARY:  
                   Recognizes a multistate licensure privilege to practice for registered or practical nurses; requires reporting of actions taken by the Board of Nursing to the home state of the licensee; provides for interchange of information among compact states; permits a registered nurse to make the actual determination of death for hospice patients; provides for a mental-health chemical-dependency, or physical evaluation.

MI H 5238      SPONSOR:        Mortimer [R]  
                   TITLE:            Workers Compensation Physical Examination  
                   DISPOSITION:    Pending  
                   SUMMARY:  
                   Relates to worker's compensation and disabilities; requires a physical examination after notice of injury; allows certified nurse practitioner to conduct the examination.

MI H 5239      SPONSOR:        Hune [R]  
                   TITLE:            Employment Disability Determination  
                   DISPOSITION:    Pending  
                   SUMMARY:  
                   Allows certified nurse practitioners to determine disability under Michigan employment security act.

MI H 5331      SPONSOR:        Ball [R]  
                   TITLE:            Nurse Practitioners  
                   DISPOSITION:    Enacted  
                   PUBLIC ACT:     48  
                   SUMMARY:  
                   Adds physician's assistants and certified nurse practitioners to the list of those which may provide instructions to a school administrator, teacher or other school employee designated to, in good faith, administer medication to a pupil in the presence of another adult or in an emergency that threatens the life or health of the pupil pursuant to written permission of the pupil's parent or guardian.

NH H 115       AUTHOR:           Wendelboe [R]  
                   TITLE:            Collaborative Practice Agreements  
                   DISPOSITION:    Enacted  
                   CHAPTER:        164.  
                   SUMMARY:  
                   Allows licensed pharmacists to enter into collaborative practice agreements with medical practitioners for certain patient care functions.



NJ A 534      SPONSOR:            Panter [D]  
 TITLE:              Pronouncement of Death by Registered Nurse  
 DISPOSITION:      Pending  
 SUMMARY:  
 Permits registered nurses to make determination and pronouncement of death in any setting where death occurs.

NJ S 535      SPONSOR:            Buono [D]  
 TITLE:              Registered Nurse Death Determination  
 DISPOSITION:      To Governor  
 SUMMARY:  
 Permits registered nurses to make determination and pronouncement of death in any setting where death occurs.

PA H 1897    PN:                    2598  
 AUTHOR:            Godshall [R]  
 TITLE:              Professional Nursing Act of 1951  
 DISPOSITION:      Pending  
 SUMMARY:  
 Amends the Professional Nursing Act of 1951. Further provides for definitions and for communication with licensees. Provides for dietetic technician licenses. Further provides for examinations and certificates, for fees and qualifications for licensure, for graduates of schools of other states, territories or Dominion of Canada, for persons entitled to practice, for licenses, duration, renewal fee and inactive status. Makes an appropriation.

TN S 3567    AUTHOR:            Person [R]  
 TITLE:              Medical Occupations  
 DISPOSITION:      Failed - Adjourned  
 SUMMARY:  
 Concerns medical occupations; requires physicians supervising nurse practitioners and physician assistants to have experience in the area of practice being supervised.

WI S 354      AUTHOR:            Cowles [R]  
 TITLE:              Practice Nurse Prescribers  
 DISPOSITION:      Failed  
 SUMMARY:  
 Relates to authorizing medically related actions by advanced practice nurse prescribers and physician assistants.

## Optometrists

Family physicians include pediatric vision screening in their routine care of children. Many vision-threatening conditions can be detected by using simple methods in the office, such as Snellen visual acuity testing, corneal light reflex examination and cover-uncover testing. Over the past several years, legislative attempts to mandate eye examinations as a requirement to attending kindergarten have had measured success. However, the legislation can limit those qualified to provide the examination to optometrists and ophthalmologists while discounting the valuable role of family physicians in providing cost effective quality care done in the context of the office setting.



Another recent development in the scope area is co-management chronic disease states with eye related conditions such as hypertension. Legislation expanding the optometrists to prescribe and manage the medical condition has been noted in the past year.

AK H 204      AUTHOR:            Thomas [R]  
                  TITLE:            Use of Pharmaceuticals by Optometrists  
                  DISPOSITION:    Failed - Adjourned  
                  SUMMARY:  
                  Relates to the prescription and use of pharmaceutical agents, including controlled substances, by optometrists.

AK S 255      AUTHOR:            Rules Cmt  
                  TITLE:            Optometry  
                  DISPOSITION:    Enacted  
                  CHAPTER:        24  
                  SUMMARY:  
                  Extends the termination date for the Board of Examiners in Optometry; amends licensing, renewal and endorsement provisions for optometrists.

AL H 176      COMPANION:        AL S 126  
                  AUTHOR:           McClendon [R]  
                  TITLE:            Renewal Of Licenses  
                  DISPOSITION:    Enacted  
                  ACT:             2006-549  
                  SUMMARY:  
                  Relates to the renewal of licenses and continuing education requirements of optometrists, to provide further for such renewals and to authorize the Alabama Board of Optometry to promulgate rules for the administration of continuing education requirements.

AL HR 436     AUTHOR:            Spicer [D]  
                  TITLE:            Childrens Vision Interim Task Force  
                  DISPOSITION:    Adopted  
                  SUMMARY:  
                  Creates the Alabama Children's Vision Interim Task Force to study and give recommendations on the screening and treatment of children for vision diseases and disorders.

AL S 448      AUTHOR:            Waggoner [R]  
                  TITLE:            Screening Newborns For Eye Pathology  
                  DISPOSITION:    Failed - Adjourned  
                  SUMMARY:  
                  Relates to screening newborns for eye pathology; requires the State Board of Health to adopt a protocol for certain practices at certain intervals as part of a screening protocol, and to create the Alabama Newborn Eye Pathology Screening Advisory Task Force to advise the State Board of Health on protocol for newborn eye pathology screening.



CA ACR 145      AUTHOR:                Nakanishi [R]  
 TITLE:                 Minors: Health Care: Vision Screening  
 DISPOSITION:        Pending  
 SUMMARY:  
 Establishes a panel to study the state existing vision screening and appraisal requirements for children upon enrollment or upon entering the first grade. Requires recommendations on ways to improve those requirements to ensure proper followup eye care. Requires the panel to submit a preliminary report on its conclusions and recommendations and a final report on specified dates.

CA S 579         AUTHOR:                Aanestad [R]  
 TITLE:                 Optometry: Licenses: Advertisements  
 DISPOSITION:        Pending  
 SUMMARY:  
 Authorizes the issuance of a optometry license to a person that has passed a licensing examination in another state and to persons displaced by a federally-declared emergency, under certain conditions. Eliminates the CPR requirement for licensure. Makes it unlawful to advertise as being free or without cost the furnishing of optometric services where the services are contingent upon payment or other exchange of consideration unless the contingency is fully disclosed.

CA S 649         AUTHOR:                Margett [R]  
 TITLE:                 Optometry  
 DISPOSITION:        Failed  
 SUMMARY:  
 Makes a nonsubstantive change to the Optometry Practice Act, whereby the State Board of Optometry licenses and regulates persons engaged in the practice of optometry.

FL H 1403        SIMILAR:              FL S 2562  
 AUTHOR:               Richardson [D]  
 TITLE:                 Health and Vision Examinations  
 DISPOSITION:        Failed  
 SUMMARY:  
 Relates to school health and vision examinations; requires children who enter public or private schools in state to present evidence of having received comprehensive vision examination; provides exemption; provides for imposition of fee on retail sale of nonprescription eyeglasses; provides for collection of fees and remittance to the Department of Health to assist families in paying for school-entry comprehensive vision examination.

FL S 1718        AUTHOR:                Wilson [D]  
 TITLE:                 Infant Eye Care  
 DISPOSITION:        Failed  
 SUMMARY:  
 Relates to infant eye care; requires certain eye examinations for all infants born in hospitals in state; exempts this requirement from specified provision regarding penalty; revises exception to certain applicability requirements concerning infant eye care; provides that coverage for children under health insurance policies and HMO contracts must include certain eye examinations for infants and children.



FL S 2562      SIMILAR:                FL H 1403  
AUTHOR:                Wilson [D]  
TITLE:                    School Health and Vision Examinations  
DISPOSITION:         Failed  
SUMMARY:  
Relates to school health and vision examinations; requires children who enter public or private schools in state to present evidence of having received comprehensive vision examination; provides exemption; provides for imposition of fee on retail sale of nonprescription eyeglasses; provides for collection of fees and remittance to DOH to assist parents in paying for school-entry comprehensive vision examination.

GA H 34            AUTHOR:                Mitchell [D]  
TITLE:                    Childrens Vision Improvement and Learning Readiness  
DISPOSITION:         Failed - Adjourned  
SUMMARY:  
Relates to student health, so as to enact the "Georgia's Children's Vision Improvement and Learning Readiness Act of 2005"; provides for legislative findings; provides for the State Board of Education to apply for federal funds to develop a state program to provide comprehensive eye examinations for children entering first grade; requires comprehensive eye examinations for all children entering first grade; provides for the development of program eligibility criteria.

GA H 515          AUTHOR:                Ehrhart [R]  
TITLE:                    Optometrists  
DISPOSITION:         Failed - Adjourned  
SUMMARY:  
Relates to optometrists; authorizes certain optometrists to prescribe and administer oral and topical pharmaceutical agents related to the diagnosis or treatment of diseases and conditions of the eye and adnexa oculi except Schedule I and Schedule II controlled substances; provides for related matters; repeals conflicting laws.

GA H 899          AUTHOR:                Ehrhart [R]  
TITLE:                    Optometrists  
DISPOSITION:         Failed - Adjourned  
SUMMARY:  
Relates to optometrists; provides for additional pharmaceutical agents which may be used by a doctor of optometry for treatment purposes; provides for related matters; repeals conflicting laws.

GA H 1103        AUTHOR:                Ehrhart [R]  
TITLE:                    Optometrists  
DISPOSITION:         Failed - Adjourned  
SUMMARY:  
Relates to optometrists, so as to provide for additional pharmaceutical agents which may be used by a doctor of optometry for treatment purposes; provides for a standard of care; to provide for related matters; repeals conflicting laws.



GA H 1390      AUTHOR:            Ehrhart [R]  
 TITLE:             State Board Optometry  
 DISPOSITION:    Failed - Adjourned  
 SUMMARY:  
 Relates to the creation of the State Board of Optometry; provides changes for certain provisions.

GA S 131        AUTHOR:            Butler [D]  
 TITLE:             Childrens Vision Improvement Learning Readiness Act  
 DISPOSITION:    Failed - Adjourned  
 SUMMARY:  
 Relates to student health, so as to enact the "Georgia's Children's Vision Improvement and Learning Readiness Act of 2005"; to provide for legislative findings; to provide for the State Board of Education to apply for federal funds to develop a state program to provide comprehensive eye examinations for children entering first grade.

GA S 211        AUTHOR:            Harp [R]  
 TITLE:             Optometrists  
 DISPOSITION:    Failed - Adjourned  
 SUMMARY:  
 Relates to optometrists; provides for additional pharmaceutical agents which may be used by a doctor of optometry for treatment purposes; provides for related matters; repeals conflicting laws.

GA S 587        AUTHOR:            Smith [R]  
 TITLE:             Health Care  
 DISPOSITION:    Failed - Adjourned  
 SUMMARY:  
 Relates to health; provides for delegation of postoperative care for patient; defines eye surgery, comangement agreements.

HI HCR 118     AUTHOR:            Kahikina [D]  
 TITLE:             Eye Examinations  
 DISPOSITION:    Failed - Adjourned  
 SUMMARY:  
 Requests the superintendent of education, with the assistance of the director of health, to establish a one-year pilot program in selected public elementary schools on the Waianae coast to provide free eye examinations to children entering kindergarten, or any other elementary grade level if entering the state public school system for the first time, with a view to screening for eye health, and vision problems.

HI SCR 103     AUTHOR:            Baker [D]  
 TITLE:             Eye Examinations  
 DISPOSITION:    Failed - Adjourned  
 SUMMARY:  
 Requests the superintendent of education, with the assistance of the director of health, to establish a one-year pilot program in selected public elementary schools on the waianae coast to provide free eye examinations to children entering kindergarten, or any other elementary grade level if entering the state public school system for the first time, with a view to screening for eye health, and vision problems.



IL H 480      SPONSOR:            Bradley J [D]  
 TITLE:                Newborn Eye Pathology Act  
 DISPOSITION:        Enacted  
 PUBLIC ACT:         94-631  
 SUMMARY:  
 Creates the Newborn Eye Pathology Act. Establishes the Newborn Eye Pathology Advisory Committee. Provides that hospitals shall report information on all congenital abnormalities and diseases of the eye detected in newborns to the Department of Public Health. Includes 2 community pediatricians and an optometrist with a background in or experience with pupil dilation in infants and red reflex screening for intraocular pathology in the composition of the committee.

IL H 2004      SPONSOR:            Acevedo [D]  
 TITLE:                Student Vision Care Program  
 DISPOSITION:        Enacted  
 PUBLIC ACT:         94-137  
 SUMMARY:  
 Amends the School Code. Provides for the Healthy Kids-Health Minds Expanded Vision Program to identify students in need basic vision care yet who are not covered by insurance or public assistance or whose families that do not have the financial ability to pay for vision services. Provides for services at little or no cost for vision examination and glasses.

IL S 1694      SPONSOR:            Link [D]  
 TITLE:                Optometric Practice Act of 1987  
 DISPOSITION:        Pending - Carryover  
 SUMMARY:  
 Amends the Illinois Optometric Practice Act of 1987. Provides that surgical co-management of patients by eye care providers is permitted in certain circumstances. Provides that no co-managing eye care provider may receive a percentage of the global surgical fee that exceeds the relative value of services provided to the co-managed patient. Requires each eye care provider to be licensed or certified and qualified for the services provided to the patient.

MA H 2671      AUTHOR:              DeLeo [D]  
 TITLE:                Amblyopia Screening  
 DISPOSITION:        Pending  
 SUMMARY:  
 Relates to the screening of certain children for amblyopia and strabismus.

MA H 3063      AUTHOR:              Mariano [D]  
 TITLE:                Providing Insurance Coverage For Vision Screening  
 DISPOSITION:        Pending  
 SUMMARY:  
 Relates to providing insurance coverage for vision screening for children.

MA H 3242      AUTHOR:              Mariano [D]  
 TITLE:                Vision Screening for Children  
 DISPOSITION:        Pending  
 SUMMARY:  
 Relates to insurance coverage for vision screening for children.



MA HD 2951 AUTHOR: Mariano [D]  
TITLE: Vision Screening  
DISPOSITION: Pending  
SUMMARY:  
Requires vision screening; coverage for children; requires certain reporting to school officials of failed tests.

MA HD 2965 AUTHOR: Mariano [D]  
TITLE: Vision Screening  
DISPOSITION: Pending  
SUMMARY:  
Relates to vision screening.

MA S 134 FILED AS: MA SD 18  
AUTHOR: Tolman [D]  
TITLE: Vision Screening  
DISPOSITION: Pending  
SUMMARY:  
Provides for insurance coverage for vision screening for children.

MA SD 18 FILED AS: MA S 134  
AUTHOR: Tolman [D]  
TITLE: Children and Vision Screening  
DISPOSITION: Pending  
SUMMARY:  
Relates to vision screening of children.

MA SD 117 FILED AS: MA S 1277  
AUTHOR: Moore [D]  
TITLE: Optometric Care  
DISPOSITION: Pending  
SUMMARY:  
Concerns optometric care.

ME LR 1918 AUTHOR: Rector [R]  
TITLE: Practice of Optometry  
DISPOSITION: Failed - Adjourned  
SUMMARY:  
Amends the laws regulating the practice of optometry.

MO H 1269 SPONSOR: Jetton [R]  
TITLE: Comprehensive Vision Examinations  
DISPOSITION: Failed - Adjourned  
SUMMARY:  
Provides for each child enrolled in kindergarten or first grade to receive comprehensive vision examinations.

MO S 687 SPONSOR: Scott [R]  
TITLE: Vision Examinations for School Children  
DISPOSITION: Failed - Adjourned  
SUMMARY:  
Relates to vision examinations for school children.



MS H 884      AUTHOR:            Holland [D]  
 TITLE:            Vision Screening  
 DISPOSITION:    Failed  
 SUMMARY:  
 Vision screening; require certain elementary students to document having passed before enrolling.

MS S 2385      AUTHOR:            Burton [R]  
 TITLE:            Pediatric Vision Screening For Kindergarteners  
 DISPOSITION:    Failed  
 SUMMARY:  
 Pediatric vision screening for Kindergarten-age children and follow up eye examinations; require.

NC H 1803      AUTHOR:            Hollo [R]  
 TITLE:            Vision Care Programs  
 DISPOSITION:    Failed - Adjourned  
 SUMMARY:  
 Repeals the Governor's vision care program and the requirement for a comprehensive eye examination enacted under the Governor's vision care program, and to provide that funds appropriated to the reserve for the Governor's vision care program shall revert to the general fund.

NC H 2699      AUTHOR:            Coleman [D]  
 TITLE:            Early Childhood Vision Care Program  
 DISPOSITION:    To Governor  
 SUMMARY:  
 Amends the Vision Care program; requires vision screening for children entering kindergarten; requires a parent to present a certificate of vision screening; provides that the required health assessment transmittal form qualifies as certification; requires information to parents about funds that may be available from the Governor's Commission on Early Childhood Vision Care.

NC S 1210      AUTHOR:            Boseman [D]  
 TITLE:            Eye Exam Requirement For Kindergarten  
 DISPOSITION:    Failed - Adjourned  
 SUMMARY:  
 Repeals the mandate that children entering kindergarten obtain a comprehensive eye examination, the Governor's vision care program, and the Governor's commission on early childhood vision care; and to provide that funds appropriated to the reserve for the Governor's vision care program shall revert to the general fund.

NC S 1246      AUTHOR:            Smith [R]  
 TITLE:            Eye Exam Requirement  
 DISPOSITION:    Failed - Adjourned  
 SUMMARY:  
 Repeals the requirement that every child in this State entering public school kindergarten obtain a comprehensive eye examination at the expense of the family.



NC S 1368      AUTHOR:            Rand [D]  
 TITLE:            Vision Care Training and Services  
 DISPOSITION:    Failed - Adjourned  
 SUMMARY:  
 Appropriates funds for vision care training of professionals and services for children.

NC S 1882      AUTHOR:            Boseman [D]  
 TITLE:            Governor Vision Program  
 DISPOSITION:    Failed - Adjourned  
 SUMMARY:  
 (Joint Resolution) Authorizes the 2005 General Assembly, regular session 2006, to consider a bill to be entitled an act to repeal the Governor's vision care program; and to repeal an act prohibiting insurers from imposing higher co-payments for chiropractic treatment than that imposed for the same treatment by family care physicians.

NE L 114        AUTHOR:            Byars [NP]  
 TITLE:            Student Visual Acuity Entrance Requirements  
 DISPOSITION:    Enacted  
 SUMMARY:  
 Provides the for the 2006-07 school year and every school year thereafter, a visual examination by a physician, a physician assistant, an advanced practice registered nurse, or an optometrist within six months prior to the entrance of a child into the beginner grade, or, in the case of a transfer from out of state, to any other grade of the local school, which consists of testing for emblyopia, strabismus or internal or external eye health; provides notification and refusal rights of parents or guardians.

NH S 342        AUTHOR:            Martel [R]  
 TITLE:            Treatment of Glaucoma  
 DISPOSITION:    Enacted  
 CHAPTER:        182.  
 SUMMARY:  
 Relates to the treatment of glaucoma by optometrists, and eliminating the joint pharmaceutical formulary and credentialing committee.

NM H 791        AUTHOR:            Boykin [R]  
 TITLE:            Children  
 DISPOSITION:    Failed - Adjourned  
 SUMMARY:  
 Relates to children; requires children entering first grade in public schools to have a comprehensive eye examination; provides for reimbursements to optometrists and ophamologists who provide examinations to eligible children; makes an appropriation.

NY A 4329      SAME AS:           NY S 2719  
 SPONSOR:        Tokasz [D]  
 TITLE:            Optometrists Authorization  
 DISPOSITION:    Pending  
 SUMMARY:  
 Authorizes optometrists certified to use therapeutic pharmaceutical agents for the treatment or prevention of ocular disease, to also use specified oran pharmaceutical agents in their practices.



NY A 10763      SPONSOR:            Nolan [D]  
                     TITLE:                Eye Health Certificate  
                     DISPOSITION:      Pending  
                     SUMMARY:  
                     Requires every child enrolling in pre-kindergarten, kindergarten or first grade in a public elementary school in this state to present an eye health certificate; such eye health certificate must contain a report of an enhanced vision screening performed on such child.

NY S 2509      SAME AS:            NY A 1057  
                     SPONSOR:           Johnson [R]  
                     TITLE:                Ophthalmic Dispensing  
                     DISPOSITION:      Pending  
                     SUMMARY:  
                     Relates to the practice of ophthalmic dispensing by ophthalmic dispensers pursuant to a visual assessment; provides that the commissioner of education shall establish educational and examination requirements to certify ophthalmic dispensers to practice visual assessment.

NY S 2719      SAME AS:            NY A 4329  
                     SPONSOR:           Libous [R]  
                     TITLE:                Optometrists Authorization  
                     DISPOSITION:      Pending  
                     SUMMARY:  
                     Authorizes optometrists certified to use therapeutic pharmaceutical agents for the treatment or prevention of ocular disease, to also use specified oral pharmaceutical agents in their practices.

NY S 3014      SPONSOR:           Fuschillo [R]  
                     TITLE:                Eye Health Certificate for School Children  
                     DISPOSITION:      Pending  
                     SUMMARY:  
                     Requires every child enrolling in pre kindergarten, kindergarten or first grade in a public elementary school in this state to present an eye health certificate; provides that such eye health certificate must contain a report of an enhanced vision screening performed on such child.

OK H 2152      AUTHOR:             Wright [R]  
                     TITLE:                Board of Examiners in Optometry  
                     DISPOSITION:      Enacted  
                     ENACT:                53  
                     SUMMARY:  
                     Re-creates the Board of Examiners in Optometry; extends the termination date of the board.

OK H 2382      AUTHOR:             Cargill [R]  
                     TITLE:                Student Vision Screening  
                     DISPOSITION:      Failed - Adjourned  
                     SUMMARY:  
                     Relates to schools; requires certain students to present certificate of vision screening in order to enroll in school; requires children who fail the vision screening to undergo a comprehensive eye examination; states components of a comprehensive eye examination; directs the comprehensive eye examiner to forward a report of the exam to certain persons; lists contents of the report.



OK H 2573      AUTHOR:            Hamilton [D]  
 TITLE:            Public Health And Safety  
 DISPOSITION:    Failed - Adjourned  
 SUMMARY:  
 Relates to public health and safety; relates to care of eyes of newborn; modifies language; provides an effective date.

OK H 2740      AUTHOR:            Peterson P [R]  
 TITLE:            Professions And Occupations  
 DISPOSITION:    Failed - Adjourned  
 SUMMARY:  
 Relates to professions and occupations; relates to optometry; clarifies what constitutes the practice of optometry; provides an effective date; declares an emergency.

OK S 1795      AUTHOR:            Paddack [D]  
 TITLE:            Schools  
 DISPOSITION:    Enacted  
 ENACT:            160  
 SUMMARY:  
 Relates to schools; requires vision screening for students within a certain timeframe; specifies screening be conducted by certain personnel; directs State Department of Health to adopt rules; requires students to undergo eye examination; requires examiner to forward written reports; provides for notification of a parent or guardian of a student who failed the vision screening.

RI H 5182      AUTHOR:            Naughton [D]  
 TITLE:            Health and Safety  
 DISPOSITION:    Enacted  
 CHAPTER #:       382  
 SUMMARY:  
 Establishes a school vision-testing standard for children, who are entering a publicly funded pre-kindergarten or kindergarten program for the first time.

RI H 5508      AUTHOR:            Lewiss [D]  
 TITLE:            Businesses and Professions  
 DISPOSITION:    Enacted  
 CHAPTER #:       303  
 SUMMARY:  
 Applies the law regarding freedom of choice for eye care to expand the law contracts which provide for the expenditure of private funds.

RI S 300        AUTHOR:            Issa [D]  
 TITLE:            Health and Safety  
 DISPOSITION:    Failed - Adjourned  
 SUMMARY:  
 Requires the department of health to establish a school vision-testing program for children ages three (3) to six (6), who are entering a publicly funded pre-kindergarten or kindergarten program for the first time. This act would take effect upon passage.



RI S 564      AUTHOR:            Badeau [D]  
 TITLE:             Businesses and Professions  
 DISPOSITION:     Failed - Adjourned  
 SUMMARY:  
 Would amend certain provisions of law regarding continuing legal education for opticians and the methods to track attendance at said classes. This act would take effect upon passage.

SC H 3090     AUTHOR:            White [R]  
 TITLE:             Civil Lawsuit Protection for Physicians  
 DISPOSITION:     Failed - Adjourned  
 SUMMARY:  
 Provides civil lawsuit protection for physicians, optometrists, nurse practitioners and physician assistants who prescribe FDA approved drugs.

SC H 3249     AUTHOR:            White [R]  
 TITLE:             Optometrists  
 DISPOSITION:     Failed - Adjourned  
 SUMMARY:  
 Relates to the licensure and regulation of Optometrists.

SC S 268      AUTHOR:            Peeler [R]  
 TITLE:             Licensure and Registration of Optometrists  
 DISPOSITION:     Enacted  
 ACT:                135  
 SUMMARY:  
 Relates to the licensure and regulation of optometrists; provides transition provisions.

TN H 1038     SAME AS:           TN S 1197  
 AUTHOR:            Hargett [R]  
 TITLE:             Optometrists  
 DISPOSITION:     Failed - Adjourned  
 SUMMARY:  
 Concerns civil procedure; adds optometrists to list of persons exempt from subpoena for trial and subject to subpoena for deposition.

TN H 3795     AUTHOR:            Hood [D]  
 TITLE:             Medical Occupations  
 DISPOSITION:     Failed - Adjourned  
 SUMMARY:  
 Concerns medical occupations; authorizes boards of allied health care professions to enter into certain agreements with nonprofit entities for the purpose of guiding the development of allied health care professions.



TN H 3901      AUTHOR:            Mumpower [R]  
 TITLE:             Optometry  
 DISPOSITION:    Failed - Adjourned  
 SUMMARY:  
 Concerns Optometry; prohibits practice of optometry in a retail store or establishment where merchandise is displayed or offered for sale and grandfathers optometrists practicing in a retail store or commercial establishment on June 1, 2006; whenever an optometrist vacates such premises or a base lease expires or is renewed, premises must be remodeled to comply with relevant provisions of law.

TN H 4038      AUTHOR:            McMillan [D]  
 TITLE:             Education Revisions  
 DISPOSITION:    Failed - Adjourned  
 SUMMARY:  
 Concerns Education; revises the age of children to whom the compulsory school attendance requirements for blind children apply from between seven and 16 years of age to between six and 17 years of age.

TN S 1197      SAME AS:           TN H 1038  
 AUTHOR:            Miller [R]  
 TITLE:             Civil Procedure  
 DISPOSITION:    Failed - Adjourned  
 SUMMARY:  
 Concerns Civil Procedure; adds optometrists to list of persons exempt from subpoena for trial and subject to subpoena for deposition.

VT S 112        AUTHOR:            Campbell [D]  
 TITLE:             Practice of Optometry  
 DISPOSITION:    Failed - Adjourned  
 SUMMARY:  
 Eliminates the formulary committee required to define the specific drugs or classes of drugs and their concentrations and strengths which optometrists may use; eliminate requirements placed on optometrists to disclose certain information to glaucoma patients; permits the state optometry board authority to identify which therapeutic pharmaceutical agents optometrists may use.

WA H 1549      COMPANION:       WA S 5535  
 AUTHOR:            Morrell [D]  
 TITLE:             Optometry Licensing Requirements  
 DISPOSITION:    Failed - Adjourned  
 SUMMARY:  
 Modifies optometry licensing requirements.

WA H 1951      COMPANION:       WA S 5897  
 AUTHOR:            Quall [D]  
 TITLE:             Vision Exams for Children  
 DISPOSITION:    Enacted  
 CHAPTER:         379  
 SUMMARY:  
 Requires the Department of Health to convene a work group to reevaluate visual screening of children in public schools and make any recommendations regarding changes in the rules.



WA H 2341      AUTHOR:              Moeller [D]  
 TITLE:                Optometry Licensing Requirement  
 DISPOSITION:      Failed - Adjourned  
 SUMMARY:  
 Modifies optometry licensing requirement.

WA S 5535      COMPANION:        WA H 1549  
 AUTHOR:             Franklin [D]  
 TITLE:                Optometry Licensing Requirements  
 DISPOSITION:      Enacted  
 CHAPTER:            2006-232  
 SUMMARY:  
 Modifies optometry licensing requirements; relates to course requirements persons using topical drugs for diagnostic purposes.

WA S 5897      COMPANION:        WA H 1951  
 AUTHOR:             McAuliffe [D]  
 TITLE:                Vision Exams  
 DISPOSITION:      Failed - Adjourned  
 SUMMARY:  
 Regards vision exams for school-aged children.

WI A 828        AUTHOR:             Hundertmark [R]  
 TITLE:                Optometrists and Emergency Rule Procedures  
 DISPOSITION:      Failed  
 SUMMARY:  
 Relates to the regulation of optometrists. Provides an exemption from emergency rule procedures, and granting rule-making authority.

WI S 429        AUTHOR:             Brown [R]  
 TITLE:                Optometrists  
 DISPOSITION:      Enacted  
 ACT:                  297  
 SUMMARY:  
 Relates to the regulation of optometrists; provides for an exemption from emergency rule procedures; grants rule-making authority; relates to insurers and successor service insurer.

WV H 4163      SPONSOR:           Mahan [D]  
 TITLE:                Board Of Optometry  
 DISPOSITION:      Failed - Adjourned  
 SUMMARY:  
 Board of Optometry.

WV S 386        SPONSOR:           Minard [D]  
 TITLE:                Board Of Optometry  
 DISPOSITION:      Failed - Adjourned  
 SUMMARY:  
 Authorizes the Board of Optometry promulgate legislative rule relating to board.



WV S 387      SPONSOR:            Minard [D]  
                  TITLE:                Board Of Optometry  
                  DISPOSITION:        Failed - Adjourned  
                  SUMMARY:  
                  Authorizes the Board of Optometry promulgate legislative rule relating to schedule of fees.

## Physician Assistants

AAFP continues to maintain a cordial relationship with the American Academy of Physician Assistants and appreciate their continued efforts to support the role of the physician as the leader of the health care team. However, legislation at the state level indicates that

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CT H 5477      INTRODUCER:        Joint Public Health  
                  TITLE:                Supervision of Physician Assistants  
                  DISPOSITION:        Enacted  
                  CHAPTER #:         110  
                  SUMMARY:  
                  Concerns the supervision of physician assistants; revises the supervision requirements for physician assistants practicing in hospital settings; requires supervision, personal review and review of medical charts to ensure quality patient care.

FL H 859        SIMILAR:            FL S 1690  
                  AUTHOR:            Baxley [R]  
                  TITLE:                Physician Assistants  
                  DISPOSITION:        Failed - Adjourned  
                  SUMMARY:  
                  Relates to physician assistants; places physician assistant on probable cause panels of Board of Medicine and Board of Osteopathic Medicine considering discipline of said assistants; authorizes preparation of certain medical charts and records without cosignature of licensed physician.

GA H 832        AUTHOR:             McCall [R]  
                  TITLE:                Physicians Assistants  
                  DISPOSITION:        Enacted  
                  ACT:                 598  
                  SUMMARY:  
                  Relates to approval of physician's assistants; provides for actions of such assistants with regard to professional samples; provides for related matters.

GA S 173        AUTHOR:             Unterman [R]  
                  TITLE:                Physician Assistant  
                  DISPOSITION:        Enacted  
                  ACT:                 386  
                  SUMMARY:  
                  Relates to application for physician's assistant and scope of duties; authorizes physician's assistants to enter into certain temporary practice agreements to provide services at certain facilities; provides conditions and limitations on such temporary practice agreements; provides for related matters; repeals conflicting laws.



IL H 4706      SPONSOR:            Saviano [R]  
 TITLE:              Supervising Physician Agreement  
 DISPOSITION:      Pending  
 SUMMARY:  
 Amends the Medical Practice Act of 1987. Allows a physician licensed to practice medicine in all its branches to enter into a supervising physician agreement with no more than 4, rather than 2, physician assistants at one time. Amends the Physician Assistant Practice Act. Provides that no more than 4, rather than 2, physician assistants shall be supervised by a supervising physician at one time.

KY S 78        BR:                    1251  
 SPONSOR:          Buford [R]  
 TITLE:              Physician Assistants  
 DISPOSITION:      Enacted  
 CHAPTER:          78  
 SUMMARY:  
 Relates to physician assistants; creates new sections to preclude anyone from holding himself or herself out as a physician assistant or practicing as a physician assistant unless he or she is licensed under this act; establishes exceptions; establishes procedures for license renewal; establishes provisions for the imposition of a late fee and a reinstatement fee.

MD S 818      AUTHOR:             Hollinger [D]  
 TITLE:              Physician Delegation Agreements  
 DISPOSITION:      Enacted  
 CHAPTER:          540.  
 SUMMARY:  
 Relates to physician delegation agreements; requires a physician to be previously approved for the same scope of practice in a different practice setting; provides that if the Physician Assistant Advisory Committee recommends a denial of a pending delegation agreement, a physician assistant may no longer practice in accordance with the delegation agreement; relates to records; requires a notation of any prescriptions written by such assistant physician.

MO H 1260    SPONSOR:            Sater [R]  
 TITLE:              Physician Assistants  
 DISPOSITION:      Failed - Adjourned  
 SUMMARY:  
 Revises the law on physician assistants.

MO S 1032    SPONSOR:            Cauthorn [R]  
 TITLE:              Physician Assistants  
 DISPOSITION:      Failed - Adjourned  
 SUMMARY:  
 Amends the law relating to physician assistants.

NE L 175      AUTHOR:             Jensen [NP]  
 TITLE:              Physician Assistants and Drug Prescriptions  
 DISPOSITION:      Enacted  
 SUMMARY:  
 Relates to physician assistants; relates to prescribing authority and disciplinary actions.



NH H 115      AUTHOR:              Wendelboe [R]  
 TITLE:                Collaborative Practice Agreements  
 DISPOSITION:      Enacted  
 CHAPTER:            164.  
 SUMMARY:  
 Allows licensed pharmacists to enter into collaborative practice agreements with medical practitioners for certain patient care functions.

OH H 305      SPONSOR:            Peterson [R]  
 TITLE:                Practice of Physician Assistants  
 DISPOSITION:      Pending  
 SUMMARY:  
 Revises the laws regarding the practice of physician's assistants; includes the establishment of physician-delegated prescriptive authority; modifies the authority of advanced practice nurses to furnish supplies of drugs to patients.

OH S 154      SPONSOR:            Wachtmann [R]  
 TITLE:                Physician Assistants  
 DISPOSITION:      Enacted  
 SESSION LAW:      73  
 SUMMARY:  
 Revises laws regarding the practice of physician assistants, including the establishment of physician-delegated prescriptive authority, and to modify the authority of advanced practice nurses to furnish supplies of drugs to patients.

