

The PAC supported the following legislators this week:

- **Rep. Michael Burgess, MD (R-TX)**, a member of the Health Subcommittee of the House Energy and Commerce Committee, who also is a member of the GOP Physicians Caucus.
- **Rep. Pat Meehan (R-PA)**, a member of the House Ways & Means Committee.
- **Rep. Denny Heck (D-WA)**, a member of the Primary Care Caucus, Recruitment Chair of the DCCC, and member of the New Democrat Coalition.

## 7. STATE LEGISLATION OF INTEREST IN THE 2016 SESSION

- **Health Care Coverage**—This week, California [SB 75](#) was implemented. SB 75, a California AFP-supported bill, passed last year and will offer full-scope Medi-Cal benefits to children under age 19, regardless of immigration status. This measure makes more than 170,000 undocumented children eligible to access comprehensive health services.
- **Medicaid Expansion**—[Oklahoma](#) is considering Medicaid expansion after years of resistance due to a \$1.3 billion budget deficit. Currently, the Oklahoma Health Care Authority, which oversees the state's Medicaid program, has proposed a 25-percent rate cut for providers that would go into effect June 1. Legislators are hoping to prevent that cut by expanding Medicaid, which will bring federal dollars into the state. Oklahoma Governor Mary Fallin (R) is calling for a cigarette tax increase of \$1.50 per pack to help fund the state's share of expansion. Medicaid expansion would open eligibility to over 600,000 individuals. The Oklahoma legislature is set to adjourn May 27.
- **Preceptor Tax Credits**—Colorado has sent [legislation](#) to the Governor creating an income tax credit for rural primary care preceptors in areas with health care workforce shortages. The Colorado AFP has been actively advocating on behalf of this measure.
- **Women's Health Issues**—
  - Maryland Governor Larry Hogan (R) signed the [Contraception Equity Act](#) into law last week. This makes Maryland the first state to require insurers to pay for over-the-counter contraceptives. The bill eliminates co-payments and prior authorization for most contraceptive methods, including emergency contraception and vasectomies for Medicaid beneficiaries and individuals enrolled in state-regulated insurance plans. Additionally it requires carriers to cover a single dispensation of a six-month supply of prescription contraceptives. Some 12 states introduced legislation regarding access to contraception this year.
  - On April 19, the Oklahoma legislature passed [SB 1552](#) that makes performing an abortion a felony. Under the bill, doctors who perform an abortion could face up to three years in prison and lose their medical license. The only exception is if it is medically necessary to preserve the life of the mother. The bill has been sent to Gov. Fallin (R) for her approval or veto.

## 8. REGULATORY BRIEFS

- On May 17 CMS posted [data](#) that shows suppliers in non-competitive bidding areas have continued to accept the new, adjusted durable medical equipment, prosthetics, orthotics, and supplies (DMEPOS) payment rates as payment in full. Earlier in 2016 CMS phased in new rates in non-competitive bidding areas.
- On May 20, the FDA finalized the new Nutrition Facts label on packaged foods and released a [press release](#) and [fact sheet](#) that provides education and outreach on the new label and what it means for consumers and families. While this FDA announcement is on packaged foods, in 2010 the AAFP [commented](#) on "Implementation of the Menu Labeling Provisions" and "Voluntary Registration by Authorized Officials of Non-Covered Retail Food Establishments and Vending Machine Operators Electing to Be Subject to the Menu and Vending Machine Labeling Requirements."