

Chiropractors (2014 Reg)

As of Monday February 2nd, 18 days will be left in the session. The primary purpose of a 30 day session is to pass a budget. However, over 700 bills, memorials and constitutional amendments have been introduced and the governor has issued over 100 messages allowing certain bills to go through the legislative process.

Sen. McSorely will introduce the APC expansion bill, however we will not be getting a message from the governor. The bill will most likely not be determined germane by the Senate without a message.

As you see there are some gross receipts tax bills which I shall support. Our Co-Pay bill (HB284) is being carried by Rep./Dr. McMillan so we could get a governor message. I will keep you posted on schedules. We have been promised that message.

Bill: HB41
Sponsors: Taylor, T. (R1)
Title: GRT DEDUCTION: MEDICAL SERVICES INCOME FROM FEDERAL ENERGY EMPLOYEES PROGRAM
Analysis: Introduced 01/23/2014 — Expands the GRT deduction at Sec. 7-9-77.1 to include receipts from the Federal Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program for provision of medical and other health services by medical doctors and osteopathic physicians. Also specifies reporting requirements for taxpayers claiming the deduction as well as for the Taxation and Revenue Department.
Subjects: Taxation and Fees; Health and Medical Practice; Energy Resources and Chemicals
Progress: Introduced
Status: 01/23/2014 – House Taxation and Revenue Committee
History: 01/23/2014—H Introduced and referred to House Taxation & Revenue.
 01/23/2014—H Also referred to House Appropriations & Finance.

Bill: HB118
Sponsors: Gonzales (D42); Cisneros (D6)
Title: GRT DEDUCTION: HEALTH CARE RECEIPTS
Analysis: Introduced 01/28/2014 — Provides a deduction from gross receipts for payments to a health care practitioner by an individual enrolled in a plan with a managed care provider or health care insurer, provided that the services rendered are within the practitioner's scope of practice.
Subjects: Health and Medical Practice; Taxation and Fees; Business, Manufacturing and Economic Development
Progress: Introduced
Status: 01/28/2014 – House Taxation and Revenue Committee
History: 01/28/2014—H Introduced and referred to House Taxation & Revenue.
 01/28/2014—H Also referred to House Appropriations & Finance.

Bill: HB284 CO-PAY
Sponsors: McMillan (R37)
Title: EQUALIZES COST-SHARING FOR HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS
Analysis: Introduced 01/30/2014 — Establishes that cost-sharing rates paid for physical or occupational therapy, speech-language pathology, or chiropractic services will not exceed the cost-sharing rates paid for primary care. Adds new sections to the Health Care Purchasing Act, the NM Insurance Code, the Health Maintenance Organization Law, and the Nonprofit Healthcare Law. New sections mandate that health insurance policies and health maintenance organizations, whether for individuals or groups, cannot charge a

copayment, coinsurance or deductible for physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech-language pathology, or chiropractic services that is higher than that charged for primary care provider services. Defines "primary care provider" as a health care provider who provides the first level of general health care, including referrals, continuity of care maintenance, and diagnostic and treatment services.

Subjects: Health and Medical Practice; Business, Manufacturing and Economic Development; Insurance
Progress: Introduced
Status: 01/30/2014 – House Rules Committee
History: 01/30/2014—H Introduced and referred to House Rules.

Bill: **SJM6**
Sponsors: Candelaria (D26)
Title: HEALTH CARE WORK FORCE WORKING GROUP
Analysis: Introduced 01/22/2014 — (For the Legislative Health and Human Services Committee) Asks the Secretary of Health to convene a working group to receive input to review the effectiveness of existing health care tax incentives for maintaining and expanding the state's health care work force. Requests the Secretary to name working group members from the Health Department, Human Services Department, Economic Development Department, the Health Policy Commission, the LFC, Legislative Health and Human Services Committee, and requests that legislative leaders appoint other members to the group.
Asks that the working group create advisory groups of representatives of consumer advocacy organizations, Native American groups and health care provider organizations, including hospitals, health profession recruiters, health care trainers and representatives from underserved populations. Requests the working group to meet monthly from April through September 2014 to receive input and recommendations from the public and from advisory groups and present its proposed action for administrative, legislative, regulatory operational and financial incentives necessary to develop the health care work force.
Asks the Health Care Work Force Working Group to make recommendations on capturing revenue generated from federal funds from the expansion of the state's Medicaid program and subsidies for the purchase of health insurance through the state Health Insurance Exchange; and on how available revenue can be used to expand the health care work force.
Also asks the working group to review existing tax incentives aimed at developing and maintaining the health care work force and make recommendations on how these incentives may be modified. Recommendations of the working group are to be presented to the Governor, the Legislative Finance Committee and the Legislative Health and Human Services Committee by October 1, 2014. Copies of the memorial shall be transmitted to the Governor, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the President pro Tempore of the Senate, the Executive Director of the New Mexico Health Policy Commission, the Chair and Vice Chair of the Legislative Finance Committee, the Chair and Vice Chair of the Legislative Health and Human Services Committee, the Secretary of Health, the Secretary of Human Services and the Secretary of Economic Development.

Subjects: Health and Medical Practice; Taxation and Fees; State Affairs and State Agencies; Human Services; Business, Manufacturing and Economic Development; Interim Studies and Interim Committees
Progress: Introduced
Status: 01/22/2014 – Senate Rules Committee
History: 01/22/2014—S Introduced and referred to Senate Rules.
01/22/2014—S Also referred to Senate Public Affairs.
Scheduled: 02/03/2014—Senate Rules Committee, 8:30 a.m., Room 321