



Legislative Update - March 2023

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Active Legislation

House Bill 24 - Representative Andrea White (R - Kettering)

Status: House Bill 24 is pending in the House Insurance Committee and received its second hearing testimony on March 29.

Analysis: House Bill 24 requires health benefit plans and the Medicaid program to cover biomarker testing for specified purposes when need for the test is supported by medical and scientific evidence. The bill also requires that health benefit plans and the Medicaid program to ensure biomarker testing coverage in a manner that limits disruptions in care. Additionally, the bill requires that any appeal of a biomarker testing coverage determination be handled in accordance with the health plan issuer's appeal policy and any relevant provision of the laws governing insurance and Medicaid appeals.

Proponents: Academy of Medicine of Cleveland and Northern Ohio, American Cancer Society, Case Western Reserve School of Medicine, Ohio Life Sciences, OSU - James Cancer Center, Zangmeister Cancer Center, Nation Marrow Donor Program, Ohio Hematology Oncology Society, UC Health Cancer Center, Akron Children's Hospital, American College of Surgeons, American Academy of Pediatrics, Ohio State Medical Association

Opponents: N/A

Interested Parties: N/A

House Bill 33 - Representative Jay Edwards (R - Athens)

Status: The House Finance Committee's various subcommittees are currently receiving testimony from state agencies and the general public on Governor DeWine's budget proposals. Substitute bill anticipated for the week of April 17.

Analysis: House Bill 33 establishes state operating appropriations for fiscal years 2024-2025.

House Bill 49 - Representatives Ron Ferguson (R - Wintersville) and Tim Barhorst (R - Fort Loraine)

Status: House Bill 49 received three hearings in the House Insurance committee was reported out of committee (11-1) on March 29.

Analysis: House Bill 49 requires each hospital to maintain and make public a list of all standard charges for all hospital items or services and requires the hospital to maintain and make public a consumer-friendly list of standard charges for the hospital's shoppable services. The bill also requires the Director of Health to monitor each hospital's compliance with the bill's requirements and in cases of noncompliance, to impose penalties, including fines. The legislation also prohibits a noncompliant hospital from taking a collection action against a patient for debts owed for hospital items or services provided during the period of noncompliance.

Proponents: America First Policy Institute, PatientRightsAdvocates.org, Universal Health Care Action Network of Ohio, Ohio Consumers for Health Coverage & Independent Women's Voice

Opponents: N/A

Interested Parties: N/A

House Bill 73 - Representatives Jennifer Gross (R - West Chester) and Mike Loychik (R - Bazetta)

Status: House Bill 24 is pending in the House Health Provider Services Committee and received sponsor testimony on March 21.

Analysis: House Bill 73 authorizes a prescriber to issue for a patient a prescription for any drug, including an off-label drug - if the prescriber has obtained the patient's informed consent. The bill also prohibits disciplinary action against a licensed health care professional for expressing a medical opinion that does not align with those of the licensing board, a local board of health, or the Ohio Department of Health.

Proponents: N/A

Opponents: N/A

Interested Parties: N/A

House Bill 92 - Representatives Tom Young (R -Washington Twp.) and Mike Loychik (R - Howland Twp.)

Status: House Bill 92 is pending in the House Health Public Health Policy Committee.

Analysis: House Bill 92 establishes the Canadian Prescription Drug Importation Program.

Proponents: N/A

Opponents: N/A

Interested Parties: N/A

House Bill 99 - Representative Susan Manchester (R - Waynesfield)

Status: House Bill 99 is pending in the House Insurance Committee.

Analysis: House Bill 99 seeks to regulate the practice of reducing benefits related to emergency services if a condition is determined, after the fact, to not be an emergency.

Proponents: N/A

Opponents: N/A

Interested Parties: N/A

House Bill 130 - Representative Kevin Miller (R - Newark)

Status: House Bill 130 was introduced on March 23 and is pending in the House Insurance Committee.

Analysis: House Bill 130 proposes an exemption to prior authorization requirements and requires health plans to make prior authorization requirements available on its website.

Proponents: N/A

Opponents: N/A

Interested Parties: N/A

House Bill 142 - Representatives Bob Young (R - Green) and Tom Young (R - Washington Township)

Status: House Bill 142 is awaiting referral in the Ohio House of Representatives

Analysis: House Bill 142 seeks to require health plan issuers and the Medicaid program to cover treatments and services related to Pediatric Autoimmune Neuropsychiatric Disorders Associated with Streptococcal Infections and Pediatric Acute-onset Neuropsychiatric Syndrome.

Proponents: N/A

Opponents: N/A

Interested Parties: N/A

House Bill 152 - Representatives Casey Weinstein (D - Hudson) and Bob Young (R - Green)

Status: House Bill 152 is awaiting referral to a committee in the Ohio House.

Analysis: House Bill 152 seeks to require health plans to cover hearing aids for those 21 and younger.

Proponents: N/A

Opponents: N/A

Interested Parties: N/A

Senate Bill 9 - Senators Kirk Schuring (R - Canton) and Stephen Huffman (R - Tipp City)

Status: Senate Bill 9 is pending in the Senate General Government Committee and has received four hearings.

Analysis: Senate Bill 9 is the reintroduced version of last General Assembly's SB133 which made several updates to Ohio's medical marijuana program.

Proponents: One Bond Laboratories, Cannabis Safety First, MedicateOH,

Opponents: Various medical marijuana cultivators, Prevention Action Alliance, Center for Christian Virtue, Ohio Prosecuting Attorneys Association

Interested Parties: Various medical marijuana operators

Senate Bill 61 - Senators Hearcel Craig (D - Columbus) and Nathan Manning (R - North Ridgeville)

Status: Senate Bill 61 is pending in the Senate Health Committee and received sponsor testimony on March 8.

Analysis: Senate Bill 61 prohibits a health plan issuer from imposing - on a prescription insulin drug - cost sharing in an amount that exceeds \$35 for a 30-day supply.

Proponents: N/A

Opponents: N/A

Interested Parties: N/A