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President's Message

Synopsis of Board of Medicine Rules/Legislative Committee Meeting
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Mitch Freed MD, President



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Due to a veto override by the Florida House of HB-1545 in special session on November 17, 2010, the law now requires an enhanced statement of regulatory costs (SERC), which is additional economic analyses evaluating adverse impact on economic growth in the private sector, competitiveness, and regulatory costs. These economic analyses need to be presented to the legislature 30 days prior to the legislative session to be ratified by the legislature prior to implementation. Therefore, if the Allopathic Board of Medicine determines that the proposed Pain Management Clinic legislation rules which did not go into effect prior to November 17, 2010 has an impact that meets or exceeds the criteria established for the enhanced SERC, then it must be presented to the Florida Legislature by February 4, 2011 for ratification. This is unlike the Board of Osteopathic Medicine rules which were passed prior to this special session and bypassed this requirement. The Committee therefore spent most of its time determining which rules needed to have an economic analysis performed. Also, in preparation for the timely review of these SERCs prepared on proposed rules, the Board staff will be conducting three conference calls in January.

In addition to the Standards of Practice for Physicians Practicing in Pain Management Clinics proposed rule, the Board counsel explained that two additional proposed pain management rules, Maximum Number of Prescriptions in Registered Pain Clinics, and Approval of Nationally Recognized Physician Pain Management Accrediting Organizations were previously approved by the Allopathic Board of Medicine and Osteopathic Board of Medicine Joint Committee. Both proposed rules were unanimously recommended for approval, the previous SERCs were rescinded and enhanced SERCs were requested for both.

Other than the above, the MOST significant event was a motion to address training requirements after July 2012. Since the Board of Osteopathic Medicine had already determined its view on requirements, the Committee passed a motion to draft rules that matched the Osteopathic Board, which will be presented at one of the January conference calls for approval and to request the enhanced SERC.

This apparently allows many specialties to qualify up until then but then as of July 2012 a newly trained physician must be fellowship trained in Pain Management or have completed a pain management residency of which there are currently none.

We have been working with FMA to try to eliminate these training requirements in a correction Bill.

More emerging information to follow!!

Save the Date!
August 19-21
2011 Annual Meeting
Conference and Trade Show

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