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Advocacy

End of Session Update from Albany

The NYS Legislature did not adjourn last week as scheduled, and they were back in Albany this week to address unfinished business including New York City rent control, education reform, a tax rebate program, funding support for non-public schools, and new support to address sexual assault on campuses. As we prepare YCIA today, the final legislative bills were passed late last evening.



Today we highlight a sample of some important legislative items **that have passed both houses** within the last two weeks, all of which are important to healthcare and for which the Chapter was extremely active. These bills await signature by the governor.

1. A bill **requiring** school-based immunizations against meningococcal disease for every person entering 7th and 12th grade.
2. A bill to extend and expand the authorization of pharmacists to perform collaborative drug therapy management (CDTM) with physicians, nurse practitioners and PA's in certain settings.
3. Legislation extending authority of pharmacists to administer additional immunizations to adults including Diphtheria, Tetanus and Pertussis (DPT).

Note: Bills are sent to the Governor in stages over the next several months for his signature, so not all are signed into law within ten days of the session end!

The following issues were not enacted in the final days, but saw significant progress and can be revisited by the Legislature in 2016:

1. Adding E-Cigarettes to New York's Clean Indoor Air Act, which would then prohibit their use in all public places in New York.
2. A bill to **require** physicians to take three hours of continuing medical education every two years on the following topics: I-STOP and drug enforcement administration requirements for prescribing controlled substances; pain management; appropriate prescribing; managing acute pain; palliative medicine; prevention, screening, and signs of addiction; responses to abuse and addiction; and end-of-life care.
3. A proposal to address burdensome Step Therapy or "Fail First" policies by insurers was amended but remained in the Insurance Committee in both the Senate and Assembly.

It is important to note that the Chapter follows almost 600 health bills each year, so this brief report just highlights recent actions. A report summarizing more of the New York State health legislation important to physicians from this session will be included in a future YCIA. We will also publish this information on the Advocacy Page of the Chapter website.

Chapter advocacy activities are much broader than monitoring legislative sessions and engaging legislative leaders in discussions about important health topics. Advocacy activity includes work with the Administration and the State's regulatory agencies, industry stakeholders such as insurers, hospitals and other allied health professions to assure physician representation and input on all discussions and proposals related to patient care.

Practice Management

Save on ICD-10 with ACP!

With the October 1, 2015 implementation date of ICD-10 looming large, ACP has discounts and offers on tools to help your practice transition to ICD-10:

Turbo Coder

- A downloadable coding resource that looks similar to the code books but on your laptop or PC
- Allows you to code in ICD-9 and immediately view the ICD-10 equivalent and vice versa

AHIMA's ICD-10 Clinical Documentation Training for Physicians and Clinicians

- Interactive, online, self-paced training from AHIMA
- 2-5 minute modules based on specific diagnoses
- Includes codes, case studies, documentation, and quizzes

Ready10

- Web-based "virtual consultant" includes transition tools such as: budgets, code conversion software, organization surveys and impact assessments



AAPC's Documentation Training for Physicians

- 3 hours of video training from the American Academy of Professional Coders (AAPC)
- Present top clinical conditions for 21 different specialties
- Emphasis on documentation and coding requirements to maximize reimbursement

You can access these great features at a discount (and some for free) on [ACP's website](#).

In addition, check out the New York Chapter's Practice Management page [here](#), which has free CMS resources to support your practice's transition to ICD-10.

New ICD-10 Webinars - Register Today!

The NYACP, in conjunction with National Government Services (NGS), is hosting two webinars on the upcoming implementation of ICD-10.

This webinar will provide Part B providers with an overview of ICD-10-CM and will assist you with planning for the mandated ICD-10-CM transition by October 1, 2015. The session will include testing opportunities and transition stages that will help you prepare your office for the upcoming implementation.

Note: As per the CMS IOM Publication 100-09, Chapter 6, Section 30.1.1, National Government Services cannot make determinations about the proper use of codes for the provider. Answers to questions related to ICD-9-CM and ICD-10-CM coding can be found on ACP's ICD-10 Coding Page, or by [clicking here](#).

Webinar Dates

- July 30, 2015 (6:00 - 7:00 pm) - [Register Here](#)
- August 19, 2015 (12:00 - 1:00 pm) - [Register Here](#)

The New York Chapter ACP's legal counsel, Laurie Cohen, Esq., has released a new post that is accessible on the Chapter blog, [I.M New York](#).

This article pertains to Accountable Care Organizations (ACOs) and their growing popularity as a care transformation model.

An excerpt: *"The prevalence of ACOs has grown steadily since 2011 when the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services ("CMS") finalized rules for the Medicare Shared Savings Program ("MSSP"). While there have been bumps along the road, there are numerous reasons to believe that the accountable care movement, both governmental and commercial, is likely to continue at a rapid pace into the near future."* To read the full post, [click here](#).

Member Highlight

NYACP Member Honored with Biomedical Ethics Award



NYACP Member and former Manhattan Region NYACP Governor Joseph Fins, MD, MACP, recently received the Patricia Price Browne Prize in Biomedical Ethics from the University of Oklahoma College of Medicine for his career-long commitment to biomedical ethical standards.

Dr. Fins is Chief of the Division of Medical Ethics at Weill Cornell Medical College in New York. He also serves as the E. William Davis Jr., M.D. Professor of Medical Ethics and is a professor of medicine in psychiatry and of healthcare policy and research. Additionally, he is an attending physician and director of medical ethics at New York-Presbyterian/Weill Cornell Medical Center, where he is the founding chair of the

hospital's ethics committee.

Congratulations Dr. Fins on your continuing commitment to the NYACP and biomedical ethics! To read the full release, [click here](#)

Education

NYACP Resident and Medical Student Forum - Are you ready to submit your abstract?

Only 6 weeks left! Deadline to submit your abstract is Friday, July 31, 2015 at 5:00 pm.

The Chapter is accepting abstract submissions for the poster session that will be held during the Resident and Medical Student Forum on Saturday, November 14th, 2015 at SUNY Upstate Medical University. Last fall, we had over 375 abstracts submitted with approximately 100 accepted for the onsite competition. Don't miss this opportunity to stand out from the crowd and show your Program or Clerkship Director that you are willing to take that extra step to take your career to the next level! The online peer review and final judging are done by Masters and Fellows of the College. All submitted abstracts and posters can be included on your CV under scholarly activity!

Winners of the competition receive an expense paid trip to ACP's IM2016 in Washington DC to represent NY in the National Poster Competition! New York sets a very high standard for acceptance of posters, and if you are a winner, you will be profiled on the Chapter's and ACP's website!

You can easily [Submit Your Abstract Here!](#)

To make sure your abstract is ready, use the [complete Abstract Checklist!](#)

For all abstract information and forms and guidelines, go to the chapter website at: [NYACP Abstracts](#)