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## PHYSICIAN LEGISLATORS TACKLE HEALTH POLICY PRIORITIES IN 2016

*Health Policy Council members have introduced an array of health care bills this year.*



**Sen. Irene Aguilar (CO)**

- HB 16-1164 requires parents or students to submit the immunization exemption documentation to the department of public health and environment instead of the school.



**Rep. David Watkins (KY)**

- HB 196 prohibits use of tanning beds by minors.



**Rep. Prasad Srinivsan (CT)**

- HB 5053, SB 352, & SB 353 address opioid abuse and make naloxone more accessible.
- SB 290 increases the legal age for tobacco purchase to 21.
- HB 5276 requires direct access for 911 calls.



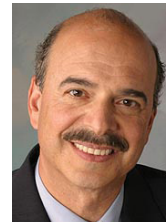
**Del. Terri Hill (MD)**

- HB 0416 requires the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to develop an end-of-life decision-making informational booklet.



**Rep. Julio Gonzalez (FL)**

- HB 691 prohibits retail sale of finished drug product containing dextromethorphan to person younger than 18 years of age.



**Del. Dan K. Morhaim (MD)**

- HB 908 requires hospitals to have a defined treatment and referral care plan for persons with substance abuse disorders.
- HB 185 prohibits Physician Board from requiring a specific course or program as a condition of license renewal for all physicians.



**Sen. Ralph Alvarado (KY)**

- SB 20 enables providers to request an independent administrative appeals hearing to resolve disputes associated with denial of payment by Medicaid MCOs.



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## PHYSICIAN LEGISLATORS TACKLE HEALTH POLICY PRIORITIES IN 2016 *(continued)*



**Rep. Jim Neely (MO)**

- HB 1568 allows physicians to prescribe naloxone to any individual to administer, in good faith, to another individual suffering from an opiate-induced drug overdose.
- HB 1717 requires a public water system to notify the Department of Natural Resources, the Department of Health and Senior Services, and its customers at least 90 days prior to a vote to cease fluoridation.



**Sen. Ervin Yen (OK)**

- SB 830 removes the religious and philosophical exemption from the school vaccination mandate.



**Sen. Elizabeth Steiner Hayward (OR)**

- HB 4124 will allow pharmacists to prescribe naloxone to help prevent deaths from opioid overdoses.



**Rep. Stephen Huffman (OH)**

- HB 261 overhauls the trauma system in the state of Ohio.



**Sen. Steve Dickerson (TN)**

- SB 1677 increases women's access to birth control prescribed by a pharmacist and reduces unintended pregnancies in Tennessee.



**Rep. Mike Ritze (OK)**

- HB 2601 requires certain health care facilities to include breast density information in a mammography report.

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**Rep. Stewart Barlow (UT)**

- HB 345 amends the Pharmacy Practice Act to clarify that certain clinics qualify as employer sponsored clinics.



**Sen. Ron Stollings (WV)**

- SB 320 permits practice of telemedicine.
- SB 42 permits school nurses to possess and

administer opioid antagonists on or near school premises.



**Sen. Brian Shiozawa (UT)**

- SB 106 intends to deter injury to EMS, fire and ER nurses and increases from a class A misdemeanor to third degree felony

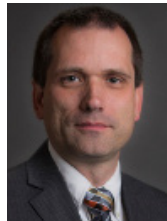
for those who inflict knowingly substantial injury to these people when they are in the act of performing emergency or life-saving duties.

- SB 248 raises legal age for purchase of tobacco, tobacco-products, tobacco-derived products, alternative nicotine and vapor products to 21.



**Sen. Tom Takubo (WV)**

- SB 491 prohibits non-compete agreements for physicians and other professionals.



**Rep. Raymond Ward (UT)**

- HB 18 authorizes the Department of Health to include additional drugs on the Medicaid program's preferred drug list.

- SB 490 requires managed care programs to participate with health providers providing services to wMedicaid recipients.
- SB 409 requires health insurers contract with physicians and health care facility providing services to Medicaid and Medicare recipients.
- SB 627 permits physician to decline prescribing controlled substance.

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