

# Idaho Academy of Family Physicians

## 2018 FINAL Legislative Report

### Week 12 March 26 – March 29

**Plan to attend the 70<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the Idaho Academy of Family Physicians at the Sun Valley Resort from May 4-6, 2018. To receive the discounted room rates, book your room before the room block ends on April 2<sup>nd</sup>. [Click here for more information...](#)**

The 2018 Idaho legislative session formally adjourned for the year on Thursday of this week. Below are the bills of interest to IAFP in order of those which became law, followed by those that did not make it through the process.

#### **BILLS THAT ARE NOW LAW:**

(These laws become effective law beginning July 1, 2018)

#### **HB 472: Rural Physician Incentive Program (RPIP) matching funds**

*UPDATE: Governor Otter signed this bill into law on March 19. The associated JFAC funding bill of \$640,000 was signed into law on March 27.*

The bill would allow for the state to provide a financial match to the RPIP program.

#### **SB 1366: Graduate Medical Education Funding**

*Update: The Appropriations funding bill for medical education programs was signed by the Governor on March 28.*

*JFAC approved an increase in Residency funding of an additional \$2 million for next year – to a total of \$19 million. The increase is less than the \$5.2 million requested in the ten-year plan, but more than the Governor's recommendation of only \$1 million increase.*

The budget allows for additional residency slots, including expansion of current residency programs and initiates the foundation for residency training programs at Eastern Idaho Regional Medical Center and at Bingham Memorial Hospital.

#### **HB 465: Medicaid Dental Care**

*UPDATE: The Governor signed this bill into law on March 20. The associated JFAC funding bill appropriating \$1.1 million of state funds and the authority to spend an additional \$2.7 of federal dollars.*

This bill would restore preventative dental care services for a certain population of Medicaid recipients. This program was cut during the recessionary years and the goal is to reinstate it.

#### **HB 513: Sales and Use Tax Exemption for free clinics**

*UPDATE: This bill was signed into law by the Governor on March 19.*

#### **HB 505: Physical Therapist Dry Needling**

*UPDATE: The Governor signed this bill into law on March 22.*

#### **HB 638: Abortion Complications Reporting Act (formerly HB 571)**

*UPDATE: Governor Otter signed this bill into law on March 22.*

Requires reporting of complications arising from abortion procedures to be reported to the Department of Health and Welfare. And annual statistical reports will be made public and reported to the legislature.

**HB 448: Exemption from obscenity laws for breastfeeding**

*UPDATE: Governor signed this bill into law on March 20.*

**HB 634: Suicide Prevention Programs in Schools**

*UPDATE: Signed by the Governor on March 26.*

**HB 353: Immunity for Physician Volunteers**

*UPDATE: This bill was signed by the Governor on March 7.*

**HB 451: Medical Residency Charitable Tax deduction**

*This bill was signed by the Governor on March 1.*

Provides an income tax credit for charitable contributions made to accredited Idaho-based medical residency programs.

**BILLS THAT FAILED TO ADVANCE THROUGH THE LEGISLATIVE PROCESS:**

- **HB 464: Dual Waiver "Idaho Health Care Plan"**

This effort was brought to the House floor twice this session and no floor vote was taken in that it was returned to the Health and Welfare committee both times.

- **HB 563: Plan First Idaho**

*A procedural move by Rep. Erpelding to force a debate on this bill failed on the House floor on March 22.*

The purpose of this bill is to provide family planning services and supplies to Idaho women ages 19-44 with a family income at or below 133% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) and are otherwise ineligible for Medicare, Medicaid, or health insurance that covers family planning services.

- **HB 494: Immunization Notices – Signatures Required**

*Never received a hearing in Senate Health and Welfare Committee after passing the House.*

This legislation is written so that for every immunization given, the provider and the patient or guardian must sign an acknowledgment of receipt of the required immunization notices.

**HB 657: Felony Battery on Healthcare Providers (formerly HB 570)**

*This bill never received a hearing House Judiciary and Rules Committee.*

**SB 1311: Direct Primary Care Pilot Program**

*Never received a hearing in House Health and Welfare Committee after passing the Senate.*

This proposal would allow three of Idaho's Health Districts to participate in a pilot program that provides primary care services to individuals for a period of ten months IF they also participate in financial literacy classes/programs.

- **HB 625: Tax on Opioids**

*Killed in the House Revenue and Taxation Committee on Friday, March 2.*

Designed to fund and provide services to prevent and treat opioid addiction in Idaho.

**SB 1255: Tobacco Age of Possession Killed in Senate State Affairs Committee**

*Killed in Senate State Affairs Committee. This bill would change the age of purchase for tobacco products and electronic cigarettes from 18 to 21 years of age.*

**HB 495: Health Care Billing Equity Act**

*Held in Committee after much debate and opposition from health care groups. It is expected that the stakeholders shall get together over the interim to come with a solution.*

**I want to thank you for the opportunity to work with the IAFP during this legislative session and I hope these reports have been useful for you.**

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