

UTAH STATE LEGISLATURE

HB0050 - [Opioid Prescribing Regulations](#) - Ward, R.

General Description: This bill amends the Division of Occupational and Professional Licensing Act related to the prescribing of certain controlled substances.

Highlighted Provisions: This bill: limits the number of days for which an opiate may be prescribed for certain individuals; removes an outdated provision from the Utah Controlled Substances Act related to opiate prescribing; and amends provisions of the Controlled Substance Database Act related to provider use of the database.

Last Action: 24 Jan 2017, House/ to standing committee

HB0061 - [Pharmacy Service for Discharged Hospital Patients](#) - Redd, E.

General Description: This bill allows a hospital pharmacy to dispense a limited supply of a prescription drug to a discharged patient under certain circumstances.

Highlighted Provisions: This bill: allows a hospital pharmacy to dispense a limited supply of a prescription drug to a discharged patient, under certain circumstances, when the patient's regular retail pharmacy is not available; and requires the Division of Occupational and Professional Licensing to make rules.

Last Action: 25 Jan 2017, House/ to standing committee

HB0090 - [Insurance Opioid Regulation](#) - Ward, R.

General Description: This bill requires commercial insurers, the state Medicaid program, workers' compensation insurers, and public employee insurers to implement policies to minimize the risk of prescribing certain controlled substances.

Highlighted Provisions: This bill: defines terms; requires a health insurance policy, a health plan offered to state employees, the Medicaid program, and workers' compensation insurance to establish policies for prescribing certain controlled substances; applies to insurance plans entered into or renewed on or after July 1, 2017; requires a report to the Health and Human Services Interim Committee; and sunsets the requirement for prescribing policies on July 1, 2022.

Last Action: 25 Jan 2017, House Comm - Favorable Recommendation

HB0175 - [Opioid Abuse Prevention and Treatment Amendments](#) - Eliason, S.

General Description: This bill requires controlled substance prescribers to receive training in a nationally recognized opioid abuse screening method and requires reimbursement for the screening services.

Highlighted Provisions: This bill: requires controlled substance prescribers to receive training in a nationally recognized opioid abuse screening method; permits controlled substance prescribers to fulfill continuing education requirements through training in the screening method; the waiver to fulfill certain continuing education requirements; requires Medicaid reimbursement to health care providers for screening services; requires the Public Employees' Benefit and Insurance Program to reimburse health care providers for screening services; and makes technical changes

Last Action: 26 Jan 2017, LFA/ fiscal note sent to sponsor

HB0189 - [Pharmacy Compounding Amendments](#) - Ward, R.

General Description: This bill amends certain state prohibitions against the compounding of drugs in the Pharmacy Practice Act.

Highlighted Provisions: This bill: amends the definition of compounding; and amends the definition of unprofessional conduct related to compounding of certain drugs

Last Action: 25 Jan 2017, LFA/ fiscal note publicly available.

HB0127 - [Health Insurance Right to Shop Amendments](#)- Thurston, N.

General Description: This bill requires a health insurer to develop a program to reward enrollees for selecting high quality and low cost health care providers.

Highlighted Provisions: This bill: defines terms; amends the inducements provisions of the Insurance Code; requires a health insurer to develop and implement a savings reward program for enrollees; requires an insurer to obtain approval of the savings reward program from the insurance commissioner; and gives the commissioner authority to make administrative rules.

Last Action: 25 Jan 2017, House/ received fiscal note from Fiscal Analyst

HB0140 - [Motorist Insurance Amendments](#) - Stratton, K.

General Description: This bill amends the Insurance Code to disallow a rejection of uninsured and underinsured motorist coverage.

Highlighted Provisions: This bill: modifies the Insurance Code to remove the option of an insured to reject uninsured or underinsured coverage; and makes technical changes.

Last Action: 23 Jan 2017, House/ 1st reading (Introduced)

HB0140 - [Motorist Insurance Amendments](#) - Stratton, K.

General Description: This bill amends the Insurance Code to disallow a rejection of uninsured and underinsured motorist coverage.

Highlighted Provisions: This bill: modifies the Insurance Code to remove the option of an insured to reject uninsured or underinsured coverage; and makes technical changes.

Last Action: 23 Jan 2017, House/ 1st reading (Introduced)

HB0153 - [Uninsured and Underinsured Motorist Coverage Amendments](#) - Kennedy, M.

General Description: This bill amends provisions related to motor vehicle insurance to disallow rejection of uninsured and underinsured motorist coverage in certain instances.

Highlighted Provisions: This bill: disallows a person from rejecting uninsured and underinsured motorist coverage if that person: employs an employee; and the employee drives a vehicle insured by the employer; and makes technical changes.

Last Action: 24 Jan 2017, House/ to standing committee

SB0044 - [Dental Insurance Amendments](#) - Christensen, A.

General Description: This bill regulates certain contract provisions for dental services.

Highlighted Provisions: This bill: defines terms; prohibits a dental insurer from setting fees for dental services that are not covered services under the dental insurance; and applies to dental plans entered into or renewed on or after January 1, 2018.

Last Action: 27 Jan 2017, Senate/ passed 2nd reading

SB0046 - [Medicaid Expansion Amendments](#) - Davis, G.

General Description: This bill amends the Utah Health Code related to the state Medicaid program.

Highlighted Provisions: This bill: requires the Department of Health to amend the state Medicaid plan to expand Medicaid eligibility to the optional populations under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; repeals a provision requiring the governor to comply with certain requirements before expanding Medicaid; and provides that Medicaid expansion is repealed if federal funding decreases from the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act funding rates.

Last Action: 23 Jan 2017, Senate/ 1st reading (Introduced)

SB0051 - [Dental Managed Care Amendments](#) - Christensen, A.

General Description: This bill requires the use of fee-for-service reimbursement for Medicaid dental benefits.

Highlighted Provisions: This bill: requires the Division of Health Care Financing to: provide Medicaid dental benefits through fee-for-service plans; and administer the fee-for-service program; and repeals the dental health care delivery system and payment reform pilot program.

Last Action: 23 Jan 2017, Senate/ to standing committee

SCR002 - [Concurrent Resolution on Air Ambulance Providers](#) - Ray, P.

General Description: This concurrent resolution of the Legislature and the Governor urges Congress to authorize states to regulate air ambulance billing and collections of patient care costs.

Highlighted Provisions: This resolution: urges the United States Congress to amend the Airline Deregulation Act of 1978 to authorize states to regulate air ambulance billing and collections of patient care costs.

Last Action: 23 Jan 2017, Senate/ to standing committee

SB0095 – [Air Ambulance Amendments](#) – Harper, W.

General Description: This bill amends air ambulance provisions in the Utah Health Code.

Highlighted Provisions: This bill: requires the Department of Health to establish an Air Ambulance Committee; establishes the membership of the Air Ambulance Committee; establishes the duties of the Air Ambulance Committee; sunsets the Air Ambulance Committee on July 1, 2019;

authorizes the State Emergency Medical Services Committee to coordinate with the Health Data Committee to report air ambulance charges in the state; specifies the data that should be reported; requires the publication of certain data regarding air ambulance charges; and amends the duties of the Health Data Committee to assist the State Emergency Medical Services Committee with the reporting of the air ambulance charge data.

Last Action: 27 Jan 2017, Senate Comm - Favorable Recommendation

Bills Not Numbered, But of Interest:

[Health Benefit Plan Network Adequacy](#) Dunnigan, J.

[Health Care Freedom Concurrent Resolution](#) Hemmert, D.

[Health Reform Amendments](#) Dunnigan, J.

[Insurance Amendments](#) McKell, M.

[Insurance Department Amendments](#) Dunnigan, J.