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YOUR VOICE FOR MEDICINE 2017 Legislative Update - Week 2

[Week 2 of the NMMS legislative report is available to download and review.](#) Of note are the multiple bills introduced that will expand scope of practice for health professionals including chiropractors, physician assistants, psychologists, acupuncturists, occupational therapists, art therapists, and a more general ban against discrimination of any health care practitioner (SB10).

This upcoming week is important and I am asking for your help.

[Please open the website dedicated to Scope of Practice issues.](#) On the Home page there are 3 red boxes on the right side which, when clicked, open up pages particular to the Scope of Practice bill, the Chiropractic bill, and the Psychology bill. On each of these pages is a **[pre-populated letter for you to send to the legislative committees hearing the bills -- SB 145 \[Scope of Practice - S Rules\], SB 90 \[Psychologists - S Public Affairs\], and SB 150 \[Chiropractors - S Public Affairs\].](#)** All you need to do is type your email, your name, and prove you are not a robot...very simple, quick, and effective.

If you prefer to call legislators, dial 505-986- and the 4 digits associated with each **[Senator Phone List](#)** or **[Representative Phone List.](#)**

On other matters, [SB 180 on pharmacy substitutions of biosimilar products](#) was introduced on Wednesday and NMMS asks you to send feedback on the pros and cons of this legislation, what issues should be considered and included in the brief, and if you believe NMMS should support, oppose, or stay neutral on the bill. Please note the bill adds biological products to the current requirements that pharmacists must follow when substituting medication and that the patient has the option to refuse the substitution (page 14, Section 2 C 1 and 2 C 2). To send your feedback, please just reply to this email directly. Your participation is greatly appreciated.

Some of the other bills NMMS will follow are hot-linked below with the position briefs.

[SB 68 - Online History and Photo of MDs and DOs](#) ***
The sponsor has decided to not proceed with this bill until further study.

[SB 82 - Non-Compete Venue Fix](#)

[SB 90 - Prescribing Psychologists Oversight and Training Change](#)

[HB170 - Exemption from PMP Requirement for Cancer Care](#)

[HB 171 - Physician Assisted Suicide](#)

[SB 145 -Scope of Practice Act](#)

[SB 150 - Chiropractors as Primary Care Medicine Physicians](#)

[HB 215 - Physician Assistants Scope of Practice Change to Collaborative from Supervision](#)

There are multiple tax reform bills introduced so far. NMMS position brief reforming GRT to a provider flat tax is available here:

[Gross Receipts Tax Reform](#)

If you have any questions, please contact me directly, Executive Director Randy Marshall at rmarshall@nmms.org, your Councilor as listed below by component society, or reply to this email.

With best regards always,

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