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YOUR VOICE FOR MEDICINE 2017 Legislative Update - Week 5

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This has been a busy week and the narrowing of bills followed has begun. We are half way through the session and no more bills may be introduced. A quick view:

SB 90 - Prescribing Psychologists - was passed by the Senate 37-0. NMMS reached agreement with the sponsor for amendments to include requirements to query the PMP, to remove allowance for prescribing psychologist to supervise those in training, and to keep the requirement that the Medical Board approves all training programs.

HB 215 - Collaboration between Physician and PA - was passed as substituted by the House Health and Human Services Committee on 2/14. A compromise was reached and amendments were accepted by the PAs. The bill creates an optional two-tiered track after 3 years of supervision. The application process and collaboration program will be regulated by the Medical Board. If a PA enters into a collaborative arrangement, they will bear all liability for their actions. .

NMMS will not support HB 232 - Holistic Integrative Medicine Practitioner at the HHHS. The small group of acupuncturists behind this bill did not work with or get the

approval of the DOM Board before bringing it to the session.

SB 145 - Scope of Practice Act - will be heard on Monday morning (2/20) at 8:30 am in Senate Rules. At all hearings where scope is discussed - chiropractors, acupuncturists, lay midwives, physician assistants, psychologists - the bill is mentioned and support is expressed - no opportunity is missed! Please continue to send letters from

[QualityHealthForNewMexico](#) in **SUPPORT of [SB 145](#)**.

SB 82 and SB 128 - Non-Compete Venue Fix - were essentially combined by Committee Substitution to include nurse midwives and nurse practitioner as protected from non-compete clauses in employment contracts. SB 82 further clarifies that New Mexico is the sole venue for litigation and will be heard on Monday morning at 11:00 am by the Senate.

SB 463- which will merge the Board of Osteopathic Medicine into the Medical Board was introduced on Thursday by Senator Gay Kernan. This consolidation will provide standardized oversight and regulation as well as improve efficiency and save scarce state funds.

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

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.

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