



NEW MEXICO MEDICAL SOCIETY

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YOUR VOICE FOR MEDICINE 2017 Legislative Update - Week 3

[Week 3 of the NMMS legislative report - or the condensed version with new bills and those that have had action](#) - are available to download and review.

Thank you to all who sent letters and called last week on behalf of the various scope expansion bills. Senators heard your voice but we need to ask for another round of letters and calls to **OPPOSE [SB 90](#)** and **[SB 150](#)**, and to **SUPPORT [SB 145](#)**.

Senate Public Affairs committee heard **[SB 90](#)** yesterday (2/2/17). Despite testimony from myself, **Dr. Steve Jenkusky, Dr. Ruben Sutter, and Dr. Tony Salazar**, the committee passed the bill after amending it to require prescribing psychologists consult the Prescription Monitoring Program (PMP). The bill now goes to Senate Judiciary. Please submit the pre-populated letter on the **[QualityHealthForNewMexico](#)** website to SJC and ask they **OPPOSE SB 90**.

Next week, Senate Public Affairs will hear **[SB 150](#)** which will allow advanced practice chiropractors to be primary care physicians. Again, please submit the pre-populated letter on the **[QualityHealthForNewMexico](#)** website to SPAC and ask they **OPPOSE SB 150**.

Instead of these piecemeal scope bills, ask your Senators to [**SUPPORT SB 145, the Scope of Practice Act**](#) which will establish a methodical and deliberative process for hearing scope requests.

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

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

[**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**](#)

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

With best regards always,

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