



NEW MEXICO MEDICAL SOCIETY

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YOUR VOICE FOR MEDICINE 2017 Legislature - ALERT on GRT - Floor Committee Substitute/House Bill 412

Last night, March 8, the House voted 63-0 to pass FCS/HB 412 which is a 300+ page tax reform bill. The concern for NMMS membership is that the bill repeals the tax deduction for Medicare and Managed Care Contracts. The bill will be referred to Senate Finance Committee, which is considering other tax issues including HB-202 - the bill that makes 40% of all receipts subject to Gross Receipts Tax. The Senate, House and Governor are attempting to reach a compromise.

There will be a tax package that passes in the next few days and Medicine needs to send a clear message TODAY. Because of quick and unpredictable amendments and substitutions, the focus is not on one particular bill, the focus is on the viable and proactive **simple message** from Medicine:

1. Doctors support a 1% equal tax on Hospitals and Doctors with revenues utilized for Federal Matching funds for Medicaid.

2. New Mexico must position itself for Medicaid Block Grants. The 2016 Medicaid fee reductions must be regained with the matching funds or physicians will continue at the current reduced Medicaid rate for many years.

Please ask your staff, patients, family and friends to call the Senate and the Governor with this simple message. Medicine needs to have unified voice - patients, doctors and hospitals together.

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If you have any questions, please contact me directly, Executive Director Randy Marshall at rmmarshall@nmms.org, or reply to this email.

With best regards always,

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