

Legislative Report – Week 3

Lawmakers were busy this week as Committees held organizational meetings and began considering legislation. Additionally, Chief Justice P. Hanes Harris gave the State of the Judiciary this week. During his remarks, he acknowledged the three recently-appointed Supreme Court Justices, including Michael Boggs, Nels Peterson and Britt Grant. He praised the State of Georgia and Governor Deal for being a 'national leader' regarding criminal justice reform in the court system. He stated that the Criminal Justice Reform Council will be making more recommendations this year regarding the probation sentencing for low-risk, non-violent offenders with a goal of freeing up 140 probation officers over the next five years. He stated the goals of making legal representation more affordable to Georgians; fixing technological shortcomings in courts; improving the juvenile court's handlings of child neglect and abuse cases; and providing law clerks for superior court judges.

In other news, the House voted to pass the FY 2017 Amended Budget by a vote of 173 to 1. A few of the highlights from the Amended FY 2017 Budget include:

- Within the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities, Adult Developmental Disabilities Services program, the House has funded an increase for 25 additional slots for the NOW and COMP waivers for the developmentally disabled to meet the requirements of the Department of Justice (DOJ) Settlement in the amount of \$6,054,113 (the same amount as the Governor proposed). Also, within the Adult Mental Health Services program, the House agreed to the Governor's proposal of \$6.1 million to increase funds for mental health consumers in community settings to comply with the DOJ Settlement.
- Within the Department of Community Health, Departmental Administration and Program Support program, the House added two transfers of funds of \$1.1 million (from the Aged Blind and Disabled program) and \$150,000 (from the Low-Income Medicaid program). The \$1.1 million is to initiate contract services with an external firm for mandatory nursing home audits; the \$150,000 is to be used to evaluate cost-saving measures through accurate diagnosis of ADHD through NEBA and report back to the General Assembly on that by July 1, 2017. Also, in the Healthcare Facility Regulation program, the House transferred funds from the Aged Blind and Disabled program so as to provide for an increase in the salaries for nurse surveyors it uses in the amount of \$767,927. Funds remain in the Indigent Care Trust Fund from the Tenet Settlement Agreement in the amount of \$11.5 million to provide the State match for DSH payments to private deemed and non-deemed hospitals. State Health Benefit Plan changes proposed by the Governor remained in the House version of the legislation (e.g., raising the funds for the five-year benefit limit for children's hearing aids from \$3,000 to \$6,000, and the 2 percent average increase in employee premiums for non-Medicare Advantage plans effective January 1, 2017, etc.).
- Within the Department of Education, Agricultural Education program, the House added \$200,000 to fund Camp John Hope to complete the waterline infrastructure project. In the Quality Basic Education Program, the House increased the midterm adjustment due to newer

numbers in the amount of \$91.8 million (from \$85.4 million); it lowered slightly the State Commission Charter School supplement by about \$30,000 – so it still is projected to increase by more than \$9.1 million; increased the midterm adjustment for charter system grants to \$9.9 million (from the Governor's proposal of \$9.4 million); reduced the midterm adjustment for Special Needs Scholarship from \$6.5 million as proposed by Governor Deal so that this program is now cut \$1.9 million; and it zeroed out the funds for training and experience for Sumter County and Hillside Conant School which were proposed to have a combined addition of \$581,722 (Chairman England assured House members that this funding need was addressed elsewhere in the Budget).

- Within the Department of Human Services' Out-of-Home Care program, the House added \$974,712 for DFCS foster parent per diem rates which were increased by 57 percent effective April 1, 2017 (this increase was originally proposed to begin, as per the Governor's budget, in the FY 2018 Budget) and the House also added \$746,243 to provide a \$1 per day increase for relative foster care providers effective April 1, 2017 (last year, legislation was passed to help kinship caregivers and these funds follow that).

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HB30	A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 16-13-25 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to Schedule I controlled substances, so as add a synthetic opioid to Schedule I; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.	HC: Judiciary Non-Civil	Jan/11/2017 - House Second Readers	Rep. Kevin Tanner (R-) proposes to amend O.C.G.A. § 16-13-25 by adding a synthetic opioid to the list of Schedule 1 substances. The synthetic opioid added to the list is "(RR) 3,4-dichloro-N-(2-(dimethylamino)cyclohexyl)-N-methylbenzamide (U-47700)".
HB35	A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 64 of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,	HC: Insurance	Jan/23/2017 - House Second Readers	Rep. Bruce Broadrick (R-Dalton), would create a new Code Section relating to the licensure of pharmacy benefit managers at O.C.G.A § 33-64-10. The new language requires pharmacy

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	<p>relating to regulation and licensure of pharmacy benefits managers, so as to require confirmation of receipt of prior approval requests for prescription drugs within 48 hours; to provide for applicability; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.</p>			<p>benefit managers to provide notification of receipt of a request for prior approval for a prescription drug to a pharmacy or contracting representative within 48 hours of receipt of such request. Such notification must also include a claim reference number and return contact phone number for follow up. This new code section shall only apply to health insurance plans established under Article 1 or Chapter 18 of Title 45 or under Article 7 of Chapter 4 of Title 49.</p>
<p>HB36</p>	<p>A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 30 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to optometrists, so as to change and provide certain definitions to permit doctors of optometry to administer pharmaceutical agents by injection under certain circumstances; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.</p>	<p>HC: Health & Human Services</p>	<p>Jan/23/2017 - House Second Readers</p>	<p>Rep. Ehrhart (R-Powder Springs), would amend O.C.G.A § 43-30-1 by making various changes to the definition of 'Optometry'. It removes the requirement that the State Board of Optometry establish a list of pharmaceutical agents to be used by optometrists. It also removes the requirement that prohibited a doctor of optometry from administering pharmaceuticals by injection. It would add new language that sets requirements for pharmaceutical agents that are administered by injection by optometrists. Such agents may not be sub-tenon, retrobobular, intraocular, or a botulinum toxin. Such injectible agents must be administered by either A) a licensed doctor of optometry who is licensed or certified by the board and who has obtained a certificate indicating completion of an</p>

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				<p>injectibles training program; or B) A doctor of optometry who is enrolled in a qualified injectibles training program and who is under the supervision of doctor of optometry who holds a current license, or under a board certified physician in ophthalmology.</p>
HB54	<p>A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 8 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to hospital care for the indigent generally, so as to provide for an additional reporting requirement for rural hospitals; to amend Article 2 of Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the imposition, computation, rate, and exemptions from income taxes, so as to change certain amounts eligible for the credit; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting</p>	HC: Ways & Means	Jan/23/2017 - House Second Readers	<p>Rep. Geoff Duncan (R-Cumming), would amend O.C.G.A § 31-8-9.1 to require an additional reporting requirement for rural hospitals. Under this legislation, rural hospitals must report any payments made to a third party to solicit, administer, or manage the donations received by such hospital. It further amends O.C.G.A § 48-7-29.20 by increasing the tax credit for rural hospital expenses from 70 percent, to 90 percent of the actual amount expended for single individuals and for married couples. It would also increase the maximum amount of tax credits allowed to \$60 million (up from \$50 million) in 2017 and would decrease the maximum number of credits allowed in 2019 to \$60 million (down from \$70 million).</p>

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HB61	A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 48-8-30 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to imposition of tax, rates, and collection, so as to require certain retailers to either collect and remit sales and use taxes or provide certain notifications to each purchaser and the state; to define a term; to provide for penalties; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.	HC: Ways & Means	Jan/24/2017 - House Second Readers	Rep. Jay Powell (R-Camilla), amends O.C.G.A. § 48-8-30 to require delivery retailers (defined as a retailer that has a gross revenue exceeding \$250,000 for one calendar year or conducts more than 200 retail sales) to collect and remit the tax imposed by this Code section. The retailer must notify consumers that the tax collected on their purchases may be remitted to the State, and must send a statement to the Department of Revenue detailing the total amount of sales and use tax collected for each year. Failure to submit such documentation will result in a fine.
HB64	A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 24 of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general insurance provisions, so as to provide for the compensation of	HC: Insurance	Jan/24/2017 - House Second Readers	Rep. Shaw Blackmon (R-Bonaire), seeks to create the "Protection and Guarantee of Service for Health Insurance Consumers Act" in O.C.G.A. § 33-24-59.21. In this version at (b), it states: Any carrier that issues a health benefit plan in this state through an agent shall pay a commission to such agent and shall not

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	<p>health insurance agents in certain situations; to provide for definitions; to provide for exceptions; to provide a short title; to provide for applicability; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.</p>			<p>structure such commission in a way that directly or indirectly discriminates in the amount of compensation paid to such agent for the sale of a group health benefit plan or an individual health benefit plan. Such commission shall be structured to compensate the agent for the first term and for each renewal term thereafter, so long as such agent reviews coverage and provides ongoing customer service for such plan; provided, however, that no such compensation shall be required for any individual health benefit plan sold during a special enrollment period; and provided, further, that this subsection shall not apply to renewals of any individual health benefit plan sold during a special enrollment period that renews during the open enrollment period. Nothing in this Code section is intended or shall be construed to require a carrier to pay a commission to an agent who is employed by such carrier.</p>
HB65	<p>A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 31-2A-18 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the establishment of the Low THC Oil Patient Registry, definitions, purpose,</p>	<p>HC: Judiciary Non-Civil</p>	<p>Jan/24/2017 - House Second Readers</p>	<p>Allen Peake (R-Macon), amends O.C.G.A. § 31-2A-18 relating to the Low THC Oil Patient Registry. The bill expands the types of conditions that qualify a patient for the registry. Newly added conditions are: Tourette's syndrome, autism, intractable pain (defined as severe, debilitating pain that has not responded to medication or</p>

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	<p>registration cards, quarterly reports, and waiver forms, so as to change provisions relating to conditions and eligibility; to provide a definition; to remove certain reporting requirements; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.</p>			<p>surgical measures), post-traumatic stress disorder, Alzheimer's disease, human immunodeficiency virus, and acquired immune deficiency syndrome. The bill repeals the requirement for individuals to reside in Georgia for at least one year before becoming eligible for registration. The bill also repeals the requirement for physicians to issue quarterly reports to the Georgia Composite Medical Board on the side effects on patient health due to THC oil usage.</p>
HB71	<p>A BILL to amend Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to insurance, so as to provide for consumer protections regarding health insurance; to provide for definitions; to provide for disclosure requirements of providers, hospitals, and insurers; to provide for network composition; to provide for billing and reimbursement of in-network and out-of-network services; to provide for payment of</p>	<p>HC: Insurance</p>	<p>Jan/25/2017 - House Second Readers</p>	<p>Rep. Richard Smith (R-Columbus), would add a new chapter (Chapter 20E) to Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated relating to insurance. This bill requires health care providers, group practices, diagnostic and treatment centers and health centers to inform patients of the various health benefit plans and hospitals that it contracts with. If the provider is out of network for a patient and the patient is receiving nonemergency services, the provider must, upon the patient's request, provide the patient with the estimated cost of such services in writing. The bill also requires physicians to make certain disclosures to patients regarding referrals, such as the name and address of the referred physician or provider. Hospitals</p>

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	emergency services; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.			would be required to post information about its health benefit plans, physician groups contracted by the hospital, and a statement regarding the physician's services that are not included in the hospital's charges. Further, this legislation requires hospitals to enter into credentialing agreements with health benefit plans insurers. Finally, O.C.G.A. § 33-20E-3 and O.C.G.A. § 33-20E-5 of this bill create disclosure requirements for insurers.
HB81	A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to income taxes, so as to allow certain health care facilities to receive income tax refund setoffs for collection of medical debts; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.	HC: Ways & Means	Jan/25/2017 - House Second Readers	Rep. Tom McCall (R-Elberton) would amend O.C.G.A. § 48-7-161 to include under the definition of 'Claimant Agency' any health care facility that is formed, created, or operated by a hospital authority established pursuant to Article 4 of Chapter 7 or Title 31.
HB127	A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to insurance, so as to repeal	HC: Insurance	Jan/26/2017 - House First Readers	Rep. Richard Smith (R-Columbus), would amend Titles 31, 33, and 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated by deleting all references to nonprofit medical service

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	<p>certain obsolete provisions relative to nonprofit medical service corporations and nonprofit hospital service corporations; to amend Titles 31 and 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to health and public officers and employees, respectively, so as to revise provisions for purposes of conformity; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.</p>			<p>corporations and nonprofit hospital service corporations.</p>
<p>HB157</p>	<p>A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 43-34-22.1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to requirements for advertising or publicizing of medical specialty certification, so as to revise certain criteria for certain certifying organizations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.</p>	<p>HC:</p>	<p>Jan/26/2017 - House Hopper</p>	<p>Rep. Trey Kelley (R-Cedartown), seeks to address requirements for advertising or publicizing of medical specialty certification in O.C.G.A. § 43-34-22.1, adding the certifying board or organization is a member board of the Bureau of Osteopathic Specialists. It further adds other requirements to be met (such as satisfactory completion of a training program with training, documentation and clinical requirements similar in scope and complexity to programs approved by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education or Bureau of Osteopathic Specialists of the American Osteopathic</p>

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				Association in the specialty or subspecialty field of medicine in which the physician seeks certification).
HB 161	A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 16-13-32 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to transactions in drug related objects, so as to provide that employees and agents of harm reduction organizations are not subject to certain offenses relating to hypodermic needles; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.	HC:	Jan/26/2017 - House Hopper	Rep. Betty Price (R-Roswell) would amend O.C.G.A. § 16-13-32 to provide that it shall be unlawful for a person employed by or an agent of a harm reduction organization to sell, lend, rent, lease, give, exchange, or distribute hypodermic needles designed for human use. It would define a 'harm reduction organization' as an organization which provides services such as syringe exchanges, counseling, homeless services, advocacy, drug treatment, and screening to at-risk individuals to slow the spread of HIV and other infectious diseases.
HB 165	A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 34 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to medical practice, so as to provide that maintenance of certification shall not be required as a condition of licensure to practice	HC:	Jan/26/2017 - House Hopper	Rep. Betty Price (R-Roswell) would amend Title 43 by adding a new code section at 43-34-46 to provide that a 'maintenance of certification' shall not be required as a condition for licensure to practice medicine or as a prerequisite for hospital or staff privileges, employment in state medical facilities, reimbursement from third parties, or malpractice insurance coverage.

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	<p>medicine, staff privileges, employment in certain facilities, reimbursement, or malpractice insurance coverage; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.</p>			
HR36	<p>A RESOLUTION proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to authorize the General Assembly to provide by law for the regulation of the production of cannabis and sale of medical cannabis to certain individuals for medical usage as provided by law; to provide that the fees paid from the production of cannabis and state tax proceeds from the sale of medical cannabis be dedicated; to provide that such funds shall not lapse; to provide for submission of this amendment for ratification or</p>	<p>HC: Judiciary Non-Civil</p>	<p>Jan/24/2017 - House Second Readers</p>	<p>Rep. Allen Peake (R-Macon), amends Article III, Section IX, Paragraph VI of the Georgia Constitution relating to appropriations by the General Assembly. The amendment would permit the General Assembly to regulate the production and sale of medical cannabis. All or a portion of the net revenue derived from production fees will be dedicated to a state department, whereas tax revenue will be dedicated to drug treatment programs.</p>

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	rejection; and for other purposes.			
SB25	A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 1 of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions of insurance, so as to create the Georgia Health Care Transparency Initiative; to provide for definitions; to provide for a purpose; to provide for a Georgia Health Care Initiative Board; to provide for the board's membership and duties; to provide for the Commissioner's duties; to provide for subcommittees; to provide for submission of data and its uses; to provide for data confidentiality; to provide for penalties; to provide for funding; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.	SC: Insurance and Labor	Jan/23/2017 - Senate Read and Referred	Click here to enter your analysis or add to a specific report.

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SB31	<p>A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Department of Community Health, so as to provide that at least two members of the board shall also be members of the state health benefit plan; to provide that two members shall be members of certain retirement systems; to provide for duties of the Board of Community Health; to create the State Health Benefit Plan Customer Advisory Council; to provide for membership; to provide for duties of the commissioner of community health; to provide for duties of the council; to provide for an effective date; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.</p>	<p>SC: Health and Human Services</p>	<p>Jan/23/2017 - Senate Read and Referred</p>	<p>Sen. Josh McKoon (R-Columbus), would amend O.C.G.A. § 31-2-3 relating to the Board of Community Health to mandate that at least two of its nine members be active or retired participants of either the Employee's Retirement System of Georgia or Teachers Retirement System of Georgia. This bill also creates the State Health Benefit Plan Customer Advisory Council. The Department of Community Health must consult the council when coordinating and purchasing health care benefit plans. SB 41, by Sen. Renee Unterman (R-Buford), amends O.C.G.A. § 26-4-28 to authorize the State Board of Pharmacy to issue durable medical equipment supplier licenses. With the exception of the entities listed in subsection (f) of this bill, any person who wishes to sell or rent durable medical equipment must obtain such licensure. Finally, the board is required to promulgate rules and regulations necessary to implement the provisions of this Code section.</p>
SB50	<p>A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 7 of</p>	<p>SC: Insurance and Labor</p>	<p>Jan/25/2017 - Senate</p>	<p>Sen. Hunter Hill (R-Atlanta), amends Chapter 7 of Title 33, relating to insurance, by adding a</p>

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	<p>Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to kinds of insurance, limits of risks, and reinsurance, so as to provide definitions; to provide that direct primary care agreements are not insurance; to exempt such agreements from regulation as insurance; to provide for discontinuance of services under certain circumstances; to provide a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.</p>		<p>Read and Referred</p>	<p>new Code section (O.C.G.A. § 33-7-2.1) that deems that an agreement between a physician and a patient in which the physician provides services for a fixed fee and period of time (“direct primary care agreement”) is not subject to the insurance laws of this state. The agreement must in writing, signed by both parties, allow for 30-day written notice for termination, define the scope of the services, and specify the duration and fee for the services. Physicians are not obligated to enter into a direct primary care agreement with a patient and can discontinue care under the agreement if a patient fails to pay the fee, commits fraud or abuse, or repeatedly fails to adhere to the treatment plan.</p>
<p>SB56</p>	<p>A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to insurance, so as to provide for physician profiling programs; to provide a short title; to provide definitions; to provide profiling program standards; to establish criteria for programs that evaluate a physician's cost of</p>	<p>SC: Insurance and Labor</p>	<p>Jan/25/2017 - Senate Read and Referred</p>	<p>Sen. Josh McKoon (R-Columbus), amends Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated by adding a new chapter titled the Accuracy and Transparency in Physician/Provider Profiling Act. The bill sets evaluation criteria for physician profiling programs, <i>i.e.</i> programs that compare a physician’s or physician group’s performance, quality, and cost of care against set standards in order to rank or classify such physician or group against others in the same specialty or subspecialty. The</p>

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	<p>care; to provide for certain disclosures to patients; to provide that the Commissioner shall contract with an independent oversight entity; to provide for violations and penalties; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.</p>			<p>purpose of the standards is to ensure that profiling programs are representing a fair and accurate representation of the physician or physician group. Physician profiling programs must disclose the methodologies, criteria, data and limitations of the data used to make its determination to patients and the profiled physicians. Finally, physicians may appeal a profiling program's ranking.</p>
SB61	<p>A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2A of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Department of Public Health, so as to enact the "Georgia Family Planning Initiative"; to provide for definitions; to authorize public and private funding; to provide for distribution of funds for family planning services; to provide for priority of patients and cost of services; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting</p>	SC: Health and Human Services	Jan/25/2017 - Senate Read and Referred	<p>Sen. Horacena Tate (D-Atlanta), establishes the Georgia Family Planning Initiative Program within the Department of Public Health in a new Code Section at O.C.G.A § 31-2A-19. The program can receive public and private funds and distribute those funds to agencies for the purpose of providing family planning services such as long-term birth control, breast and cervical cancer screening, pregnancy testing and counseling, and screening for sexually transmitted diseases. The target population is low-income women, uninsured, and underinsured patients. No patient can be denied services because of an inability to pay.</p>

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SB70	A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 6C of Chapter 8 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the hospital Medicaid financing program, so as to extend the sunset provision; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.	SC: Finance	Jan/26/2017 - Senate Read and Referred	Sen. Butch Miller (R-Gainesville) would amend O.C.G.A § 31-8-179.6 by extending the sunset provision relating to the hospital Medicaid financing program in order to extend the date of repeal to June 30, 2020 (it is currently June 30, 2017).
SB8	A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to insurance, so as to provide for consumer protections regarding health insurance; to provide for definitions; to provide for disclosure requirements of providers, hospitals, and insurers; to provide for billing and reimbursement of out-of-network services; to provide for procedures for	SC: Health and Human Services	Jan/24/2017 - Senate Read and Referred	This legislation provides for: consumer protections regarding health insurance; disclosure requirements of providers, hospitals, and insurers; 4 billing and reimbursement of out-of-network services; procedures for dispute 5 resolution for surprise bills for nonemergency services; payment of emergency 6 services; out-of-network reimbursement rate workgroup. We will provide a more in-depth analysis of this bill in the next report.

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	<p>dispute resolution for surprise bills for nonemergency services; to provide for payment of emergency services; to provide for an out-of-network reimbursement rate workgroup; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.</p>			
SB81	<p>A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 6 of Chapter 4 of Title 26 of the O.C.G.A., relating to pharmacies, so as to provide that the state health officer may issue a standing order permitting certain persons and entities to obtain opioid antagonists under the conditions the state health officer may impose; to amend Chapter 13 of Title 16 of the O.C.G.A., relating to controlled substances; to amend Code Section 31-12-2 of the O.C.G.A., relating to reporting disease, confidentiality,</p>	SC:	<p>Jan/26/2017 - Senate Hopper</p>	<p>Sen. Renee Unterman (R-Buford), seeks to create the "Jeffrey Dallas Gay, Jr. Act." In part it addresses the proposed permission of the State's health officer to issue a standing order permitting certain persons and entities to obtain opioid antagonists. This is codification of the Governor's order allowing the use of Naloxone as over-the-counter medication and permitted to be sold without prescription.</p>

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	<p>reporting required by pharmacists, immunity from liability as to information supplied, and notification of potential bioterrorism; to amend Chapter 5 of Title 26 of the O.C.G.A., relating to drug abuse treatment and education programs; provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.</p>			