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Welcome!

MN ACEP would like to share with you our *Policy Update* newsletter. These newsletters will be our way to share with you information and opportunities in the areas of policy, funding, regulation, and much more.



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2024 Minnesota Legislative Session

The Minnesota Legislature convened for the 2024 legislative session on February 12. This is the second year of the 93rd Legislature biennium, which is considered a policy year. Major finance bills are the focus of the first session of the biennium, referred to as the budget year. The legislature may take action on any bill that was not passed in the first year of the biennium without having to be reintroduced.

Bills of interest for 2023-2024:

HF 3840 - Prompt Payment of Emergency Room and Ambulance Bills (First-dollar Coverage)

HF 3578 | SF 3532 - Prior Authorization of Health Care Services

HF 3732 | SF 3729 - Care Coordination Technology Demonstration Project

SF 3531 - Provider Health and Wellness

HF 3891 | SF 3611 - Licensing Requirements Update

HF 3521 - Expansion of fourth-degree assault of health care professionals

February 12, 2024 Session Begins

March 22, 2024 1st and 2nd committee deadlines

- Committees in both bodies must act favorably on bills that are not major appropriation or finance bills before 5:00pm on March 22nd

March 28 – April 2 (noon) Easter recess

April 10 – April 11 (noon) Eid recess

April 19, 2024 3rd Committee deadline

- Committees in both bodies must act favorably on major appropriation and finance bills before the end of the day on April 19th

April 22 – April 24 (noon) Passover recess

May 20, 2024 Session adjourns

There are 61 days scheduled, including Fridays. 49 session days if Fridays are excluded.

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Boarding in EM

In conjunction with the healthcare systems, MN ACEP has crafted boarding bills for the current session. SF 3989 was introduced and referred to the Senate Human Services committee on February 20, 2024. A companion bill in the House will also be filed.

SF 3989: Medical assistance eligibility timeline modifications for certain hospital patients, providing supplemental payments for certain disability waiver services, and providing additional permissible circumstances for the appointment of an emergency guardian

House Health Finance & Policy Committee Hearing on End-of-Life Option

On Thursday, January 25th, Minnesota's House Health Committee heard [HF 1930](#), an "end-of-life option" bill. This legislation is often referred to as "medical aid in dying." It would allow those with terminal illnesses, with a prognosis of six months or less to live, to end their life voluntarily. The nearly five hour committee hearing included testimony from over 130 individuals, organizations, and associations. Watch the [recording](#) of the hearing.

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