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2016 Legislation

- Over 4,500 measures introduced in 2015-2016
- COA is actively tracking 75+ bills



Areas of COA Interest

- Worker's Compensation
- Scope of Practice
- Budget/Medi-Cal
- Payment Mechanisms/Managed Care
- "Other"

Workers' Compensation

- AB 2503 (Oberholte)
 - COA sponsored
 - Seeks to clarify RFA quagmire
 - Specifies that physician must send RFA to the claims administrator
- SB 563 (Pan)
 - Would prohibit physician incentive contracts and agreements based on modifying or denying treatment in UR

Workers' Compensation

- AB 2407(Chavez)
 - Sponsored by California Chiropractic Association
 - Would require a physician to assess the workers level of risk for chronic back pain if the injury “affects his or her back”
 - Opposed by COA, Chamber of Commerce, Insurers and Applicant Attorneys

Scope of Practice

- **Chiropractors**
 - AB 1992 (Jones) would allow chiropractors, naturopaths and nurse practitioners to perform physicals for interscholastic athletic participation
- **Nurse Practitioners**
 - SB 323 (Hernandez) would allow NPs to practice without physician supervision



Insurance/Managed Care

- AB 533 (Bonta)
 - Attempts to limit the amount a non-participating provider in a participating facility may receive for covered services to the Medicare rate
 - COA opposes

Budget/ Medi-Cal

- AB 366 (Bonta), SB 243 (Hernandez): Provider rates
 - Would reverse rate cuts for physicians who treat Medi-Cal patients
 - Would increase payments to hospital and Medi-Cal managed care plans
 - Would require an annual Medi-Cal access monitoring reports
 - Both bills dead

Other Bills of Interest

- SB 994 (Hill)
 - Would require all clinics and physician offices to adopt and implement an “antibiotic stewardship program”
 - Author dropped bill in face of COA and other opposition

Other Bills of Interest

- AB 1977 (Wood)
 - As introduced, would have prohibited a physician from prescribing more than a 5-day supply of opioids
 - As amended, would create an Opioid Abuse Task Force comprised of stakeholders to develop recommendations regarding opioid misuse and abuse

Other Bills of Interest

- SB 932 (Hernandez)
 - Would require that mergers of healthcare services plans must be approved by the DMHC and would ban certain provisions in plan-provider contracts

Questions?

