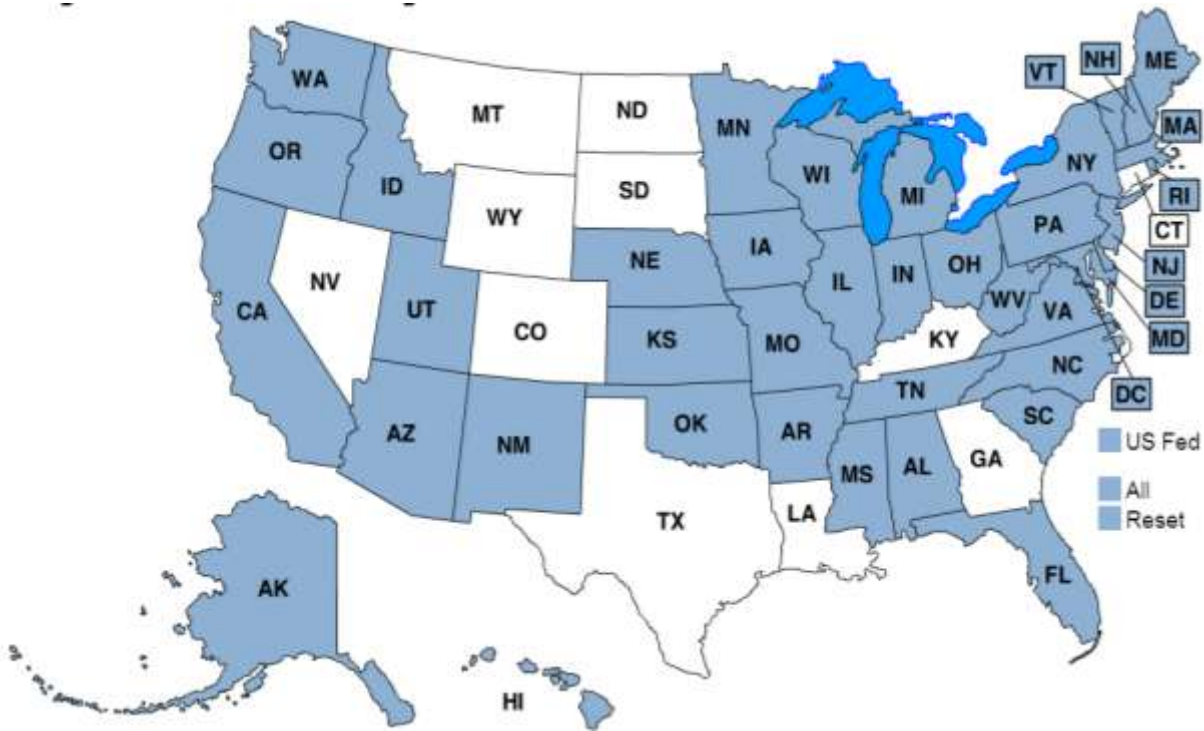




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ABOUT THIS REPORT

This is a scan of notable bills, impacting health centers, passed by state legislatures during the 2011 legislative session. Once passed, the legislation was either signed into law or otherwise enacted, vetoed by the Governor or is awaiting executive action.

This is neither an exhaustive list of health-related legislation nor a complete list of bills tracked by NACHC, PCAs or health centers.

Up-to-date state legislative tracking is available on our website at: www.nachc.org/state-policy.cfm

CHART: Overview of Legislation Impacting Health Centers by State

- The report does not include line-item appropriations or other direct state funding for health centers unless otherwise noted.
- Each cell notes the number of relevant bills reported by state and by issue area.
- The total number of bills captured across all states and DC for each issue area is noted at the bottom of the chart, in the last row labeled "Total."

GRAPH: Legislation by Issue

- Most common legislation as reported

Bill Number, Title, and Notes

- Bills are categorized by issue area, and by state within each issue area.
- Included for each bill are the bill number, status and date of last status update as of publication and official title.
- Notes briefly describe each bill.

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OVERVIEW OF LEGISLATION IMPACTING HEALTH CENTERS BY STATE*

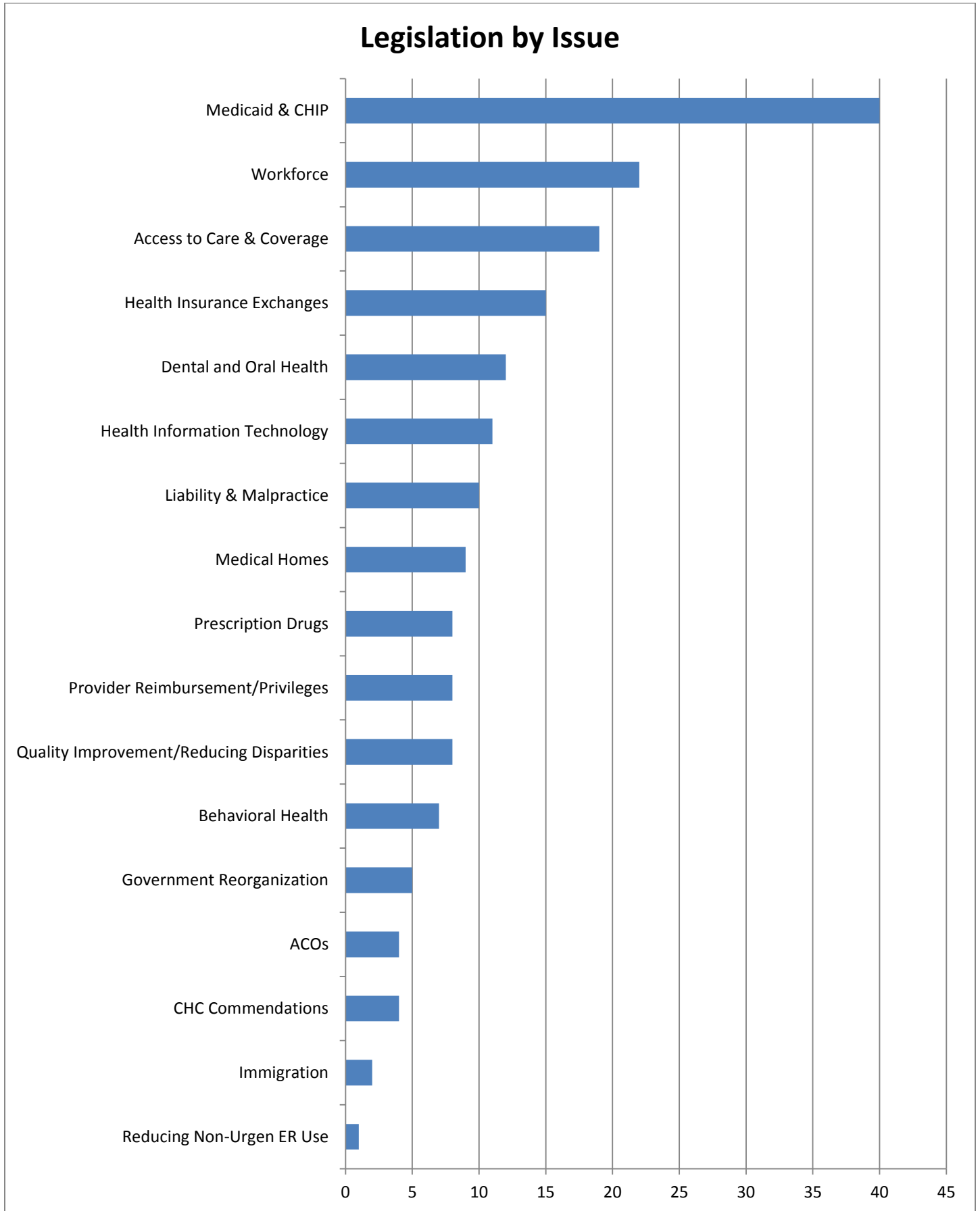
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Alabama			1												1		1
Alaska															1		
Arizona			1				1	1									
Arkansas			3				1		2						1	1	
California						1											
Colorado	1	1			1			1	4		1				1	1	
Connecticut	2				1		1		1						2	3	
D.C.																	
Delaware	3								1								
Florida								2	3						1		
Georgia						1									1		
Hawaii	1				1							1					
Idaho									1			1					
Illinois		1			1				1						1		
Indiana											1						
Iowa		1							1		1	1					
Kansas											1						
Kentucky									1				2				
Louisiana			1						1	1		1					
Maine	1		2														
Maryland	1		1		1		2								1		
Massachusetts							1								1		
Michigan								1									
Minnesota							1										
Mississippi		1															
Missouri													2				
Montana				1				1	1						1		
Nebraska							1		1						1		

OVERVIEW OF LEGISLATION IMPACTING HEALTH CENTERS BY STATE*

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Nevada	1				1		1										
New Hampshire							1		2								
New Jersey				1						1							
New Mexico				1	1					1		1					
New York				1					1	1							
North Carolina									3						1		
North Dakota	1				1		1										
Ohio									2		1						
Oklahoma	1								1						2		
Oregon			1		1			1	1	1		1			2		
Pennsylvania									1								
Rhode Island	1								1	1	1		1				
South Carolina																	1
South Dakota			1						1						1		
Tennessee	1	1						1									
Texas									2		2	1	2	1	1		
Utah		1			1				3								
Vermont	1				1												
Virginia	1				1	2		2		1							
Washington	2				1				2	1		1					
West Virginia					1												
Wisconsin									1								
Wyoming	1	1	1		1				1	1		2			2		
TOTAL	19	7	12	4	15	4	11	10	40	9	8	8	8	1	22	5	2

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ACCESS TO CARE AND COVERAGE

Colorado	
Number:	HB 1019 (Enacted, Status Updated 3/17/2011)
Title:	Exempt School-based Clinics Copay
Notes:	Concerns the waiver of co-payments and deductibles by school-based health centers.

Connecticut	
Number:	HB 6308 (Enacted, Status Updated 7/1/2011)
Title:	AN ACT CONCERNING HEALTHCARE REFORM
Notes:	To allow non-state public employers, municipal-related employers, small employers and nonprofit employers to join the state employee health plan.
Number:	SB 851 (Enacted, Status Updated 6/3/2011)
Title:	AN ACT CONCERNING THE LEGISLATIVE COMMISSIONERS' RECOMMENDATIONS FOR TECHNICAL REVISIONS TO THE HUMAN SERVICES STATUTES
Notes:	Identifies federally qualified health centers' roll in the treatment of beneficiaries enrolled in state-administered medical programs.

Delaware	
Number:	HB 160 (Passed both houses, Status Updated 7/1/2011)
Title:	AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 18 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO SUPPLEMENTAL COVERAGE FOR CHILDREN OF INSUREDS.
Notes:	Provides for supplemental health insurance coverage for children of those with insurance by raising the age children may be covered by their parents' health insurance to the age of 26.
Number:	HB 161 (Passed both houses, Status Updated 7/1/2011)
Title:	AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 18 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO THE PROHIBITION OF THE DENIAL OF COVERAGE FOR PRE-EXISTING CONDITIONS IN CHILDREN UNDER THE AGE OF NINETEEN.
Notes:	Prohibits the denial of coverage to children under the age of 19 due to pre-existing conditions.
Number:	SB 98 (Passed both houses, Status Updated 6/29/2011)
Title:	AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 18 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO INSURANCE AND THE REQUIREMENT OF COVERAGE FOR CERTAIN IMMUNIZATIONS AND PREVENTIVE SERVICES.
Notes:	Requires that insurance plans cover immunizations.

Hawaii

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Number: SB 285 (Enacted, <i>Status Updated 7/5/2011</i>)
Title: QUEST and Medicaid Telehealth Services; Mobile Medical Van
Notes: Provides for telehealth services coverage for Medicaid and QUEST patients using Kona hospital's medical van program.

Maine
Number: LD 1554 (Enacted, <i>Status Updated 6/16/2011</i>)
Title: An Act To Implement the Requirements of the Federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act
Notes: Amends the state health insurance laws to incorporate changes to implement the requirements of the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, such as providing insurance coverage of dependents be extended to age 26.

Maryland
Number: HB 170 (Enacted, <i>Status Updated 4/12/2011</i>)
Title: Health Insurance - Conformity with Federal Law
Notes: Amends the state health insurance laws to incorporate changes to implement the requirements of the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, such as providing insurance coverage of dependents be extended to age 26.

Nevada
Number: SB 418 (Vetoed, <i>Status Updated 6/17/2011</i>)
Title: Creates a subcommittee of the Legislative Committee on Health Care to oversee the implementation of federal health care reform in this State. (BDR 40-695)
Notes: Creates the Subcommittee on Health Reform to implement the requirements of the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

North Dakota
Number: HB 1386 (Enacted, <i>Status Updated 4/22/2011</i>)
Title: HEALTH CARE SERVICES FREEDOM OF CHOICE
Notes: Prohibits a third-party payer from preventing a beneficiary from selecting the health care service provider of the beneficiary's choice to provide health care services; and prohibits a third-party payer from denying a provider the right to participate in any policy or plan, as long as the provider is licensed in the state and accepts the terms of the contract; and prohibits individuals from being penalized if they choose not to participate in a federal or federally-approved health care plan.

Oklahoma
Number: SB 722 (Enacted, <i>Status Updated 5/18/2011</i>)
Title: Health Care Compact; creating Interstate Advisory Health Care Commission; providing for withdrawal or dissolution of compact.
Notes: Creates a health care compact and the Interstate Advisory Health Care Commission; provides for membership of the

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Commission; authorizes the Commission to collect and distribute certain information; permits the Commission to study certain issues and make recommendations.

Rhode Island

Number: **H 5211** (Enacted, Status Updated 6/22/2011)

Title: [AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- PHARMACIES](#)

Notes: Allows for the administration of influenza immunizations by a pharmacy to adults and children nine-years-old and older, following completion of required training on the immunization of children.

Tennessee

Number: **SB 79** (Enacted, Status Updated 4/6/2011)

Title: [Insurance, Health, Accident](#)

Notes: Enacts the "Tennessee Health Care Freedom Act", which prohibits individuals from being penalized if they choose not to participate in a federal or federally-approved health care plan.

Vermont

Number: **HB 202** (Enacted, Status Updated 5/26/2011)

Title: [AN ACT RELATING TO A UNIVERSAL AND UNIFIED HEALTH SYSTEM](#)

Notes: This act creates a plan for the creation of a public-private single-payer health care system.

Virginia

Number: **HB 1958** (Enacted, Status Updated 4/29/2011)

Title: [Health insurance; federal market reforms.](#)

Notes: This act amends the state health insurance laws to incorporate changes to implement portions of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, such as the coverage requirement for dependents up to age twenty-six.

Washington

Number: **HB 2003** (Enacted, Status Updated 6/15/2011)

Title: [Concerning premium payments for children's health coverage for certain families who are not eligible for federal children's health insurance coverage.](#)

Notes: Modifies provisions relating to premium payments for children's health coverage for certain families not eligible for federal coverage.

Number: **SB 5371** (Enacted, Status Updated 7/22/2011)

Title: [Addressing the needs for health insurance coverage for persons under age nineteen.](#)

Notes: Requires all health insurance carriers to provide coverage for persons under age nineteen.

Wyoming	
Number:	HB 73 (Enacted, <i>Status Updated 3/2/2011</i>)
Title:	Dental services freedom bill
Notes:	Relating to insurance; prohibits fee schedules in health and dental insurance policies for non-covered services as specified.

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

Colorado	
Number:	HB 1242 (Enacted, <i>Status Updated 6/2/2011</i>)
Title:	Medicaid Provider Integration Of Service
Notes:	Requires the department of health care policy and financing (the department) to review certain issues that relate to the provision of both physical and mental health care services to a patient during the same appointment as part of an integrated system of patient care, and any barriers to the integrated care.

Illinois	
Number:	HB 2982 (Sent to Governor, <i>Status Updated 6/16/2011</i>)
Title:	REGIONAL BEHAVIOR HEALTH NET
Notes:	Creates the Regional Integrated Behavioral Health Networks Act. Provides that the Department of Human Services shall establish Regional Integrated Behavioral Health Networks for the purpose of ensuring and improving access to appropriate mental health and substance abuse services throughout Illinois by providing a platform for the organization of all relevant health, mental health, substance abuse, and other community entities and a mechanism to use and channel financial and other resources.

Iowa	
Number:	SF 233 (Enacted, <i>Status Updated 4/07/2011</i>)
Title:	A bill for an act relating to payment for behavioral health services provided by licensed mental health counselors and certified alcohol and drug counselors under the Medicaid program.
Notes:	The department of human services shall amend the medical assistance state plan to allow mental health counselors licensed in the state and alcohol and drug counselors certified in the state to be participating behavioral health providers under the medical assistance program.

Mississippi	
Number:	SB 2836 (Enacted, <i>Status Updated 4/26/2011</i>)
Title:	"Rose Isabel Williams Mental Health Reform Act of 2011"; enact.
Notes:	Reforms the current Mississippi mental health delivery system so that necessary services, supports and operational structures for all its citizens with mental illness and/or alcohol and drug dependence and/or co-morbidity, whether children, youth or adults, are accessible and delivered preferably in the communities where they live.

Tennessee	
Number:	SJR 58 (Enacted, Status Updated 5/20/2011)
Title:	General Assembly, Statement of Intent or Position
Notes:	Urges department of health and department of mental health and developmental disabilities to promote a model of integrated care and to develop a plan for increased usage by Tennessee's health care providers.

Utah	
Number:	HB 14 (Enacted, Status Updated 3/23/2011)
Title:	Catastrophic Mental Health Coverage - Sunset Act
Notes:	Modifies the Insurance Code and the Legislative Oversight and Sunset Act to address catastrophic mental health coverage.

Wyoming	
Number:	SF 29 (Enacted, Status Updated 3/3/2011)
Title:	Developmental disability services
Notes:	Relating to the Medicaid program; provides requirements for the reimbursement of home and community based waiver service providers; directs the department of health to provide enhanced reimbursement of certified behavioral specialists as specified; directs the department and the university, with the community college commission, to develop a training and certification program for behavior specialists

DENTAL AND ORAL HEALTH

Alabama	
Number:	HB 451 (Enacted, Status Updated 6/9/2011)
Title:	Dental Examiners of Alabama, Board of, dentists and dental hygienists, regulation and licensure, substantially revised
Notes:	Revises the regulations and licensure for dentists and dental hygienists.

Arizona	
Number:	HB 2233 (Enacted, Status Updated 4/12/2011)
Title:	Mobile Dental Facilities
Notes:	Establishes regulations for mobile dental facilities including permits, fees, and standards of practice, patient rights and disciplinary actions. A permit holder can be any of the following: dentist, dental hygienist, denturist or registered business entity that is authorized to offer dental services in the state or a nonprofit organization, school district or school or institution of higher education that may employ a licensee to provide dental services.

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Arkansas	
Number: SB 42 (Enacted, Status Updated 2/22/2011)	
Title: AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE DENTAL HYGIENISTS TO PERFORM DENTAL HYGIENE PROCEDURES FOR PERSONS IN PUBLIC SETTINGS WITHOUT THE SUPERVISION OF A DENTIST.	
Notes: Defines public settings to include community health centers for purposes of this bill.	
Number: SB 43 (Enacted, Status Updated 2/22/2011)	
Title: AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE PHYSICIANS AND NURSES TO APPLY FLUORIDE VARNISH TO A CHILD'S TEETH AFTER APPROPRIATE TRAINING.	
Notes: Authorizes physicians and nurses to apply fluoride varnish to children's teeth after appropriate training.	
Number: SB 359 (Enacted, Status Updated 3/7/2011)	
Title: AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR CERTAIN WATER SYSTEMS TO MAINTAIN A LEVEL OF FLUORIDE TO PREVENT TOOTH DECAY.	
Notes: Provides certain water systems to maintain a level of fluoride to prevent tooth decay.	

Louisiana	
Number: SCR 32 (Sent to the Secretary of State, Status Updated 6/1/2011)	
Title: HEALTH/HOSPITALS DEPT	
Notes: Requests DHH to study the benefits of permitting physicians to apply fluoride varnish to the teeth of children under the age of seven who are enrolled in the Medicaid program.	

Maine	
Number: LD 1105 (Enacted, Status Updated 6/20/2011)	
Title: Resolve, To Study Oral Health Care in Maine and Make Recommendations Regarding How To Address Maine's Oral Health Care Needs	
Notes: Directs the Legislature to contract with a qualified consultant that has sufficient resources and experience to conduct a study of the State's oral health care needs.	
Number: LD 1290 (Vetoed, Status Updated 6/17/2011)	
Title: Resolve, To Promote Prevention Practices in Oral Health Care	
Notes: Requires the Department of Health and Human Services to develop and maintain a program to promote oral health and dental disease prevention activities and to gather and aggregate data regarding oral health programs in this State.	

Maryland	
Number: HB 354 (Enacted, Status Updated 5/19/2011)	
Title: Health Occupations - Temporary Volunteer Dentist's License, Temporary Volunteer Dental Hygienist's License, and Temporary Dental Clinic Permit	
Notes: Establishes a temporary volunteer dentist's license, a temporary volunteer dental hygienists license, and a temporary dental clinic permit under the State Board of Dental Examiners; alters a specified qualification for	

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dentists and dental hygienists licensed in another state to be granted a license in this State; establishes procedures for dentists, dental hygienists, and bona fide charitable organizations to apply for licenses and permits.

Oregon

Number: **SB 101** (Passed by both houses, *Status Updated 6/30/2011*)

Title: [Relating to health care; creating new provisions; amending ORS 414.025, 414.065, 414.428, 414.705, 414.706, 414.708, 414.](#)

Notes: Authorizes payment for dental services under Family Health Insurance Assistance Program and under private health option of Health Care for All Oregon Children program. Authorizes Oregon Health Authority to provide packages of health services to specified groups of medical assistance recipients that are less comprehensive than health services on prioritized list of health services approved and funded by Legislative Assembly.

South Dakota

Number: **HB 1045** (Enacted, *Status Updated 3/7/2011*)

Title: [Authorize dental hygienists to provide preventive and therapeutic services to more persons under certain circumstances.](#)

Notes: Authorizes dental hygienists to provide preventive and therapeutic services to more persons under certain circumstances.

Wyoming

Number: **HB 73** (Enacted, *Status Updated 3/2/2011*)

Title: [Dental services freedom bill](#)

Notes: Provides that no person or entity contracting with dentists to provide coverage or reimbursement for dental services shall require a dentist to provide services at a fee set by the contract, a policy or a certificate unless the services are covered services by the terms of the contract, policy or certificate.

ACCOUNTABLE CARE ORGANIZATIONS

Montana

Number: **SB 221** (Enacted, *Status Updated 5/6/2011*)

Title: [Provide waiver for accountable care organizations in HMO laws](#)

Notes: Provides that the Commissioner of Insurance may waive health maintenance organization requirements for accountable care organizations. The act includes federally qualified health centers and classifies them as primary care providers.

New Jersey

Number: **S 2443** (Passed both houses, *Status Updated 6/29/2011*)

Title: [Establishing a Medicaid Accountable Care Organization Demonstration Project and supplementing Title 30 of the Revised Statutes.](#)

Notes: Establishes the Medicaid Accountable Care Organization Demonstration Project. The act does not "authorize the

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Departments of Human Services or Health and Senior Services to waive or limit any provisions of federal or State law or reimbursement methodologies governing Medicaid reimbursement to federally qualified health centers, including, but not limited to, Medicaid prospective payment reimbursement and any supplemental payments made to a federally qualified health center.”

New Mexico

Number: **HB 35** (Vetoed, *Status Updated 4/1/2011*)

Title: [HIDALGO COUNTY HEALTH DEMONSTRATION PROJECT](#)

Notes: Directs the Secretary of Human Services to establish an "ACO Demonstration Project Task Force" to study the feasibility and parameters of an accountable care organization demonstration project for Medicaid, State Children's Health Insurance Program, and state coverage insurance program recipients in Hidalgo county.

New York

Number: **SB 2809** (Enacted, *Status Updated 3/31/2011*)

Title: [AN ACT to amend the elder law, in relation to Medicare part D; to amend the public health law, in relation to early intervention services; to amend the public h](#)

Notes: Establishes the Accountable Care Organization Demonstration Project.

HEALTH INSURANCE EXCHANGES

Colorado

Number: **SB 200** (Enacted, *Status Updated 6/1/2011*)

Title: [Health Benefit Exchange](#)

Notes: Creates a state health benefit exchange as a nonprofit unincorporated public entity.

Connecticut

Number: **SB 921** (Enacted, *Status Updated 7/1/2011*)

Title: [AN ACT ESTABLISHING A STATE HEALTH INSURANCE EXCHANGE](#)

Notes: Establishes a state health insurance exchange pursuant to the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

Hawaii

Number: **SB 1348** (Enacted, *Status Updated 7/8/2011*)

Title: [Hawaii Health Insurance Exchange; Appropriation](#)

Notes: Establishes the Hawaii health connector to create a health insurance exchange pursuant to the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010; creates Hawaii Health Insurance Exchange under a board of directors; creates board of directors; creates interim board to recommend policies and procedures to implement the governance of the health insurance exchange; appropriates federal funds to support the operations of the interim board of the Hawaii health connector.

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Illinois	
Number:	SB 1555 (Enacted, Status Updated 7/14/2011)
Title:	INS CD-RELIGIOUS ORG EXEMPT
Notes:	Establishes legislative intent to establish a state health benefit exchange.

Maryland	
Number:	SB 182/HB 166 (Enacted, Status Updated 4/12/2011)
Title:	Maryland Health Benefit Exchange Act of 2011
Notes:	Establishes the Maryland Health Benefit Exchange as an independent unit of State government; establishes the purposes, powers, and duties of the Exchange; establishes the Board of Trustees of the Exchange; provides for the qualifications, appointment, term, and removal of members of the Board; establishes the powers and duties of the Board; requires the Board to appoint an Executive Director of the Exchange, with the approval of the Governor, and to determine the Executive Director's authority.

Nevada	
Number:	SB 440 (Enacted, Status Updated 7/1/2011)
Title:	Creates the Silver State Health Insurance Exchange. (BDR 57-1172)
Notes:	Creates the Silver State Health Insurance Exchange; sets forth the purposes of the Exchange; provides for the composition, appointment and terms of members and powers and duties of the Board of Directors of the Exchange; and provides for the appointment and powers and duties of the Executive Director of the Exchange.

New Mexico	
Number:	SB 38 (Vetoed, Status Updated 4/8/2011)
Title:	NEW MEXICO HEALTH INSURANCE EXCHANGE ACT
Notes:	Creates a state facilitated health insurance exchange.

North Dakota	
Number:	HB 1126 (Enacted, Status Updated 5/9/2011)
Title:	HEALTH BENEFIT EXCHANGE
Notes:	Establishes intent to create and operate the American Health Benefits Exchange.

Oregon	
Number:	SB 99 (Enacted, Status Updated 6/17/2011)
Title:	Relating to Oregon Health Insurance Exchange; appropriating money; and declaring an emergency.
Notes:	Requires Oregon Health Authority to establish Oregon Health Insurance Exchange as public corporation to be governed by board of directors.

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Utah	
Number:	HB 128 (Enacted, Status Updated 3/30/2011)
Title:	Health Reform Amendments
Notes:	Amends previous legislation concerning the Utah Health Exchange.

Vermont	
Number:	HB 202 (Enacted, Status Updated 5/26/2011)
Title:	AN ACT RELATING TO A UNIVERSAL AND UNIFIED HEALTH SYSTEM
Notes:	Establishes a plan to create the Vermont health benefit exchange.

Virginia	
Number:	HB 2434 (Enacted, Status Updated 4/6/2011)
Title:	Health benefits exchange; intent to develop.
Notes:	States that it is the intent of the General Assembly that the Commonwealth to create and operate its own health benefits exchange or exchanges that meets the relevant requirements of the federal Affordable Care Act. The Governor and the State Corporation Commission's Bureau of Insurance are requested to work with the General Assembly, relevant experts, and stakeholders generally to provide recommendations for consideration by the 2012 Session of the General Assembly regarding the structure and governance of the Exchange.

Washington	
Number:	SB 5445 (Enacted, Status Updated 5/11/2011)
Title:	Establishing a health benefit exchange.
Notes:	Requires the state to establish a health benefit exchange consistent with the federal affordable care act to begin operations no later than January 1, 2014. Establishes the health benefit exchange development board to: (1) Coordinate with the administrator of the state health care authority to successfully complete implementation of planning and establishment grants received by the authority pursuant to the affordable care act; and (2) Develop a business plan and timeline for establishing and implementing a state-administered health benefit exchange.

West Virginia	
Number:	SB 408 (Enacted, Status Updated 5/4/2011)
Title:	West Virginia Health Benefit Exchange Act
Notes:	The purpose of this bill is to provide for a health insurance exchange in accordance with the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

Wyoming	
Number:	HB 50 (Enacted, Status Updated 3/10/2011)
Title:	Health insurance exchanges
Notes:	Relating to the administration of government and the 2010 federal health care reform; provides for a study of whether the state should establish and operate a Wyoming health insurance exchange or participate in a regional

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exchange; requires a report and specifying report requirements; provides an appropriation; and provides for an effective date.

HEALTH CENTER COMMENDATIONS

California

Number: **AJR 10** (Sent to the Secretary of State, *Status Updated 7/28/2011*)

Title: [An Act To Implement the Requirements of the Federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act](#)

Notes: Memorializes the Legislature's support for the school-based health center program authorized by the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, an appropriation by the United States Congress to fund this program, policies that include school-based health centers as a partner in creating a medical home for all children, and the inclusion of school-based health centers in the reauthorization of the federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act.

Georgia

Number: **HR 154** (Adopted, *Status Updated 2/9/2011*)

Title: [Community Health Centers Day; Feb. 10, 2011; commend & invite to House](#)

Notes: Recognizes February 10, 2011, as "Community Health Centers Day," and invites the leadership of the Georgia Association for Primary Health Care to be recognized by the House of Representatives.

Virginia

Number: **HJ 225** (Passed both houses, *Status Updated 2/19/2011*)

Title: [Commending the Virginia Health Care Foundation on its 18 years of service to the Commonwealth.](#)

Notes: Recognizes community health centers and the Virginia Community HealthCare Association.

Number: **SJ 190** (Passed both houses, *Status Updated 3/14/2011*)

Title: [Commending the Central Virginia Community Health Center on the occasion of its 40th anniversary.](#)

Notes: Commends Central Virginia Community Health Center on its 40th anniversary.

HEALTH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Arizona

Number: **HB 2620** (Enacted, *Status Updated 4/26/2011*)

Title: [Medical Records; Disclosure; Release](#)

Notes: Regulates health information organizations (defined as those that store or transfer electronically individually identifiable health information).

Arkansas	
Number:	HB 1905 (Enacted, Status Updated 3/31/2011)
Title:	AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE OFFICE OF HEALTH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY.
Notes:	Establishes the Office of Health Information Technology.

Connecticut	
Number:	HB 6618 (Enacted, Status Updated 7/13/2011)
Title:	AN ACT CONCERNING VARIOUS REVISIONS TO PUBLIC HEALTH RELATED STATUTES
Notes:	Establishes The Health Information Technology Exchange of Connecticut and defines the boards governing body.

Maryland	
Number:	HB 736/SB 722 (Enacted, Status Updated 5/19/2011)
Title:	Electronic Health Records - Incentives for Health Care Providers - Regulations
Notes:	Requiring incentives for the adoption and use of electronic health records to be paid in cash, unless a specified payer and health care provider agree on an incentive of equivalent value; prohibiting specified regulations from requiring a group model health maintenance organization from providing a specified incentive to a specified health care provider.
Number:	HB 1146 (Enacted, Status Updated 5/10/2011)
Title:	Electronic Health Records - State Employee and Retiree Health and Welfare Benefits Program - Incentives
Notes:	Alters the definition of "State-regulated payor" as it relates to the regulation of electronic health records to exclude the State Employee and Retiree Health and Welfare Benefits Program; repeals a requirement that the Secretary of Budget and Management ensure that the State Employee and Retiree Health and Welfare Benefits Program comply with specified provisions of law governing electronic health records.

Massachusetts	
Number:	HB 3535 (Veto Overridden, Status Updated 7/28/2011)
Title:	The committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two branches with reference to the Senate amendments of the House Bill making appropriations for the fiscal year 2012 for the maintenance of the departments, boards commissions, institutions and certain activities of the Commonwealth, for interest, sinking fund and serial bond requirements and for certain permanent imp
Notes:	Creates the Health Information Technology Trust Fund to appropriate incentive payments to eligible Medicaid health care providers for the adoption, implementation, upgrade or meaningful use of certified electronic health record technology.

Minnesota	
Number:	HF 1405 (Enacted, Status Updated 5/27/2011)
Title:	Claims processing regulated for insurance on portable electronics products, and automated claims processing system use permitted to requirements and safeguards.
Notes:	Claims processing regulated for insurance on portable electronics products, and automated claims processing

system use permitted to requirements and safeguards.

Nebraska	
Number:	LB 494 (Enacted, Status Updated 5/18/2011)
Title:	Require timely review of Medicaid eligibility
Notes:	Requires the Department of Health and Human Services to review Medicaid applications, and notify applicants of their eligibility in a timely manner.

Nevada	
Number:	SB 43 (Enacted, Status Updated 6/13/2011)
Title:	Makes various changes relating to electronic health records. (BDR 40-443)
Notes:	Requires the Director of the Department of Health and Human Services to establish a statewide health information exchange system in accordance with federal law; requires the Director to establish or contract with a nonprofit entity to govern the statewide health information exchange system; requires the Director to prescribe standards to ensure the security and confidentiality of electronic health records; and requires the Director to take action necessary to comply with federal law concerning electronic health records and the statewide health information exchange system.

New Hampshire	
Number:	HB 489 (Enacted, Status Updated 7/5/2011)
Title:	Relative to health information exchange.
Notes:	Establishes the health information organization corporation (health information exchange).

North Dakota	
Number:	SB 2037 (Enacted, Status Updated 4/26/2011)
Title:	HEALTH INFORMATION EXCHANGE CONFIDENTIALITY
Notes:	Relates to the confidentiality of health information relative to health information technology.

LIABILITY AND MALPRACTICE

Arizona	
Number:	SB 1429 (Enacted, Status Updated 4/19/2011)
Title:	Health Care Actions; Liability; Students
Notes:	Provides that a student that is in an educational or training program, which provides students for licensing as a health care provider, is not liable in a medical malpractice action for an injury that occurs during or as a result of the care provided while the student is in the program, unless gross negligence is established. The act does not eliminate any responsibility of the supervising licensed health care provider for the student's actions.

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Colorado	
Number:	SB 187 (Enacted, <i>Status Updated 6/2/2011</i>)
Title:	Sunset Review Mental Hlth Professionals
Notes:	Amends the grievance review policy for mental health professionals.

Florida	
Number:	S 1676 (Enacted, <i>Status Updated 6/27/2011</i>)
Title:	Sovereign Immunity
Notes:	Provides that certain colleges and universities that own or operate a medical school or any of its employees or agents providing patient services pursuant to a contract with a teaching hospital are agents of the teaching hospital and are immune from certain liabilities.
Number:	H 7109 (Enacted, <i>Status Updated 6/2/2011</i>)
Title:	Medicaid
Notes:	Provides limitations on non-economic damages for negligence of a practitioner providing services and care to a Medicaid recipient.

Michigan	
Number:	HB 4389 (Enacted, <i>Status Updated 6/8/2011</i>)
Title:	Occupations; dentists; dentists practicing under special volunteer license; extend immunity from liability. Amends sec. 16185 of 1978 PA 368 (MCL 333.16185). Documents
Notes:	Establishes that an individual who provides medical care under a special volunteer license to engage in the practice of medicine, osteopathic medicine and surgery, podiatric medicine and surgery, or dentistry granted under section 16184 is not liable in a civil action for personal injury or death proximately caused by the professional negligence or malpractice of the physician individual in providing the care if both of the following apply:(a) The care is provided at a health facility or agency that provides at least 75% of its care annually to medically indigent individuals.(b) The physician individual does not receive and does not intend to receive compensation for providing the care.

Montana	
Number:	HB 464 (Vetoed, <i>Status Updated 4/28/2011</i>)
Title:	Provide medical liability protection for hard-to-recruit subspecialists
Notes:	Provides that physicians who are board-certified or board-eligible in pediatric or geriatric sub-specialties may be liable for damages only upon proof by clear and convincing evidence.

Oregon	
Number:	SB 204 (Enacted, Status Updated 6/22/2011)
Title:	Relating to health care.
Notes:	Requires Oregon Health Authority to adopt procedures by rule for health care providers that are also health insurers to safeguard against conflicts between ethical standards for practice of medicine and financial incentives of insurance operations.

Tennessee	
Number:	SB 484 (Enacted, Status Updated 4/28/2011)
Title:	Hospitals and Health Care Facilities
Notes:	Establishes the Tennessee Patient Safety and Quality Improvement Act of 2011 to encourage the improvement of patient safety and quality and the evaluation of the quality, safety, cost, processes and necessity of health care services by hospitals, health care facilities and health care providers.

Virginia	
Number:	HB 2034 (Enacted, Status Updated 3/15/2011)
Title:	Attorney General; investigation of complaints.
Notes:	Provides that the Attorney General shall investigate complaints of alleged abuse or neglect of persons in the care or custody of others who receive payments for medical assistance under the state plan for medical assistance, regardless of whether the patient is a recipient of medical assistance.
Number:	SB 423 (Enacted, Status Updated 4/10/2011)
Title:	Health care practitioners; exempt from liability when rendering services to patients of clinics.
Notes:	Provides that no health care practitioner who renders at any site health care services, voluntarily and without compensation, to a patient of a clinic for the indigent and uninsured that is organized for the delivery of primary health care services as a federally qualified health center designated by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, shall be liable for any civil damages for any act or omission resulting from the rendering of such services.

MEDICAID AND CHIP

Arkansas	
Number:	HB 1806 (Enacted, Status Updated 3/29/2011)
Title:	TO ENACT THE STATE INSURANCE DEPARTMENT- GENERAL OMNIBUS BILL.
Notes:	Amends reimbursement levels and co-pays under the Children's Preventive Health Care Act. Benefits for recommended immunization services shall be exempt from any copayment, coinsurance, deductible, or dollar limit provisions in the accident and health insurance policy.
Number:	SB 65 (Enacted, Status Updated 3/30/2011)
Title:	AN ACT TO IMPROVE ENROLLMENT OF ARKANSAS CHILDREN IN THE ARKIDS FIRST A AND B MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS.
Notes:	Expands paperless renewal options for ARKIDS; establishes 12-month continuous coverage for children; and

establishes express lane enrollment for children.

Colorado

Number: **HB 1242** (Enacted, Status Updated 6/2/2011)

Title: [Medicaid Provider Integration Of Service](#)

Notes: Requires the Department of Health Care Policy and Financing to review and submit a report to the legislature on issues related to the integration of mental and physical health services for Medicaid patients during same-day appointments, and suggest methods for removing these barriers and encouraging integration of services.

Number: **SB 8** (Enacted, Status Updated 4/8/2011)

Title: [Aligning Children's Medicaid Eligibility](#)

Notes: Increases the current Medicaid income eligibility threshold of 100% of the federal poverty line for children who are between 6 and 19 years of age to equal the income eligibility threshold for pregnant women and children from birth to 5 years of age, which is currently set at 133% of the federal poverty line.

Number: **SB 213** (Vetoed, Status Updated 5/31/2011)

Title: [CHP+ Assess Monthly Enrollment Fee](#)

Notes: Establishes a monthly premium for families with children enrolled in Child Health Plan *Plus* (CHP+) between 205 - 250% of the federal poverty level (FPL).

Number: **SB 250** (Enacted, Status Updated 5/27/2011)

Title: [Pregnant Women Medicaid Eligibility](#)

Notes: Increases the income level for eligibility for pregnant women in Medicaid from 133% to 185% of the federal poverty line.

Connecticut

Number: **SB 973** (Enacted, Status Updated 7/13/2011)

Title: [AN ACT CONCERNING THE DETERMINATION OF UNDUE HARDSHIP FOR PURPOSES OF MEDICAID ELIGIBILITY AND DISABILITY DETERMINATIONS FOR BENEFICIARIES OF A SPECIAL NEEDS TRUST](#)

Notes: Provides guidelines and standards for the Department of Social Services' determination of undue hardship for purposes of Medicaid eligibility.

Delaware

Number: **SB 56** (Enacted, Status Updated 6/27/2011)

Title: [AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 18 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO HEALTH SERVICE CORPORATIONS.](#)

Notes: Requires insurers administering CHIP buy-in programs in other states to offer similar buy-in programs in Delaware if engaged in specified transactions or affiliations with health service corporations in Delaware.

Florida

Number: **H 7107** (Enacted, Status Updated 6/2/2011)

Title: [Medicaid Managed Care](#)

Notes: Designates AHCA as single state agency to administer Medicaid program; establishes Medicaid program as

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statewide, integrated managed care program for all covered services; authorizes agency to apply for & implement waivers; provides requirements for eligible plans that provide services in Medicaid managed care program; establishes provider service network requirements for eligible plans; establishes regions for separate procurement of plans.

Number: **H 7109/S 2144** (Enacted, Status Updated 6/2/2011)

Title: [Medicaid](#)

Notes: Requires the collection of premiums or cost sharing for home and community-based delivery system; and provides that implementation of Medicaid waiver programs and services are subject to certain funding limitations.

Number: **S 2144** (Enacted, Status Updated 5/26/2011)

Title: [Medicaid](#)

Notes: Repeals the sunset of provisions authorizing the federal Medicaid waiver for certain persons age 65 and older or who have a disability, etc.

Idaho

Number: **H 260** (Enacted, Status Updated 4/5/2011)

Title: [Medicaid](#)

Notes: Provides new guidelines for patient eligibility, services provided, and co-pays; provides such changes as possible charges for missed appointments and reduction in dental services.

Illinois

Number: **SB 1802** (Enacted, Status Updated 6/30/2011)

Title: [POWER AGENCY - RETAIL CUSTOMER](#)

Notes: Makes adjustments to Medicaid co-pays, coverage of medications, and eligibility.

Iowa

Number: **SF 313** (Enacted, Status Updated 7/26/2011)

Title: [A bill for an act relating to medical assistance program-related provisions](#)

Notes: Provides that unpaid premiums under the Medicaid for employed people with disabilities (MEPD) program and the IowaCare program are considered "qualifying debts" subject to debt setoff procedures. The bill amends provisions relating to financial participation of IowaCare members to comply with federal requirements for renewal of the IowaCare waiver. Under the bill, IowaCare members with household incomes at or below 150 percent of the federal poverty level (FPL) would not be assessed a monthly premium.

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Kentucky

Number: **HB 264** (Enacted, Status Updated 3/16/2011)

Title: [AN ACT relating to Medicaid](#)

Notes: Establishes the Technical Advisory Committee on Behavioral Health, the Technical Advisory Committee on Children's Health, and the Technical Advisory Committee on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities; includes primary care providers on advisory committee.

Louisiana

Number: **SB 207** (Vetoed, Status Updated 7/1/2011)

Title: [MEDICAID](#)

Notes: Provides for annual reports on the Coordinated Care Network program and for legislative authority relative to termination of the program.

Montana

Number: **SB 351** (Enacted, Status Updated 5/6/2011)

Title: [Revise laws governing managed care](#)

Notes: Revises laws related to Medicaid managed care contracts; establishes an advisory council; and requires review of requests for proposals and proposed contracts.

Nebraska

Number: **LB 237** (Enacted, Status Updated 4/14/2011)

Title: [Provide for creation of a prescription drug monitoring program](#)

Notes: Provides for the creation of rules and guidelines of a prescription drug monitoring program within the health information exchange.

New Hampshire

Number: **HB 2** (Enacted, Status Updated 6/30/2011)

Title: [Relative to state fees, funds, revenues, and expenditures.](#)

Notes: Provides the state's Department of Health and Human Services shall seek approval for a 1915(b) waiver to deliver and pay for Medicaid services to Medicaid-eligible persons with severe mental disabilities through a prepaid health plan.

Number: **SB 147** (Enacted, Status Updated 6/2/2011)

Title: [Relative to Medicaid managed care.](#)

Notes: Requires the commissioner of the department of health and human services to issue a 5-year request for proposals to enter into contracts with vendors of a managed care model to provide for managed care services to the Medicaid population.

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New York	
Number: SB 2809 (Enacted, Status Updated 3/31/2011)	
Title: AN ACT to amend the elder law, in relation to Medicare part D; to amend the public health law, in relation to early intervention services; to amend the public h	
Notes: Establishes the Medicaid Redesign Team; and places a statewide cap on Medicaid.	

North Carolina	
Number: H 916 (Enacted, Status Updated 6/23/2011)	
Title: Statewide Expansion of 1915(b)/(c) Waiver.	
Notes: Provides that the state's Department of Health and Human Services Shall proceed with restructuring the delivery of services for individuals with mental illness, intellectual and developmental disabilities, and substance abuse disorders through expansion of the 1915(b)/(c) Medicaid Waiver. Expansion should be completed by July 1, 2013.	
Number: S 307 (Enacted, Status Updated 6/13/2011)	
Title: Smart Card Biometrics Against Medicaid Fraud.	
Notes: Establishes the North Carolina Smart Card Pilot Program to combat Medicaid fraud.	
Number: S 496 (Enacted, Status Updated 7/25/2011)	
Title: Medicaid and Health Choice Provider Req.	
Notes: Designates federally qualified health centers as "limited" categorical risk providers.	

Ohio	
Number: HB 93 (Enacted, Status Updated 5/20/2011)	
Title: To establish and modify the prevention of prescription drug abuse, development of information programs by the State Medical Board, and Medicaid coverage of prescription drugs.	
Notes: Establishes new guidelines to reduce abuse and overuse of prescription drugs by Medicaid beneficiaries.	
Number: HB 153 (Enacted, Status Updated 6/30/2011)	
Title: To make operating appropriations for the biennium beginning July 1, 2011, and ending June 30, 2013, and to provide authorization and conditions for the operation of state programs.	
Notes: Allows federally qualified health centers to participate in presumptive eligibility.	

Oklahoma	
Number: HB 1381 (Enacted, Status Updated 5/13/2011)	
Title: Public health and safety; creating the Supplemental Hospital Offset Payment Program Act; codification.	
Notes: Creates the Supplemental Hospital Offset Payment Program Act to increase federal Medicaid match.	

Oregon	
Number:	HB 3650 (Enacted, Status Updated 7/7/2011)
Title:	Relating to health; creating new provisions; amending ORS 192.493, 410.604, 410.612, 411.404, 411.708, 413.032, 414.
Notes:	Establishes Oregon Integrated and Coordinated Health Care Delivery System to replace managed care systems for recipients of medical assistance. Specifies criteria for coordinated care organizations. Requires Oregon Health Authority to seek federal approval to allow enrollment of individuals who are dually eligible for Medicare and Medicaid into coordinated care organizations. Requires authority to establish alternate payment methodologies for coordinated care organizations.

Pennsylvania	
Number:	HB 960 (Enacted, Status Updated 6/30/2011)
Title:	An Act amending the act of June 13, 1967 (P.L.31, No.21), known as the Public Welfare Code
Notes:	Amends the Public Welfare Code; establishes drug screening for eligibility; expands the authority to the secretary; and establishes dental benefits.

Rhode Island	
Number:	H 5894 (Enacted, Status Updated 6/30/2011)
Title:	AN ACT RELATING TO MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE STATE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2012
Notes:	Raises Medicaid coverage premiums on adults.

South Dakota	
Number:	SB 38 (Enacted, Status Updated 3/8/2011)
Title:	Establish network adequacy standards, quality assessment and improvement requirements, utilization review and benefit determination requirements, and grievance procedures for managed health care plans, and to repeal certain standards for managed health care plans.
Notes:	Establishes network adequacy standards, quality assessment and improvement requirements, utilization review and benefit determination requirements, and grievance procedures for managed health care plans, and to repeal certain standards for managed health care plans.

Texas	
Number:	HB 1 (Enacted, Status Updated 06/17/2011)
Title:	General Appropriations Bill.
Notes:	Eliminates wrap payments to FQHCs and will instead pay the entire encounter rate to Medicaid and CHIP Managed Care Organizations (MCOs); instructs the Health and Human Services Commission to include provisions for payment of the FQHC Prospective Payment System (PPS) rate and establish contractual requirements that require MCOs to reimburse FQHCs at the PPS rate.
Number:	SB 7 (Sent to Governor, Status Updated 06/28/2011)
Title:	Relating to the administration, quality, and efficiency of health care, health and human services, and health

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[benefits programs in this state; creating an offense; providing penalties.](#)

Notes: Establishes requirements for managed care of Medicaid contracts.

Utah

Number: **HB 174** (Enacted, Status Updated 3/22/2011)

Title: [Contracting for Medicaid Eligibility Determination Services](#)

Notes: Requires the Department of Health and the Department of Workforce Services to study the state's Medicaid eligibility determination system.

Number: **HB 256** (Enacted, Status Updated 3/28/2011)

Title: [Children's Health Insurance and Medicaid Administrative Simplification](#)

Notes: Requires the Department of Health to apply for grants to fund a simplified enrollment and renewal process for Medicaid, Utah Premium Partnership, and Primary Care Network Demonstration Project programs; and if funding is available, establish a simplified enrollment and renewal process.

Number: **SB 180** (Enacted, Status Updated 3/22/2011)

Title: [Medicaid Reform](#)

Notes: Amends the Medical Assistance Act and the Budgetary Procedures Act; requires the Department of Health to develop a proposal to modify the Medicaid program in a way that maximizes replacement of the fee-for-service delivery model with one or more risk-based delivery models; and requires the department to submit a request to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services for waivers from federal law to implement the proposal.

Washington

Number: **HB 1544** (Enacted, Status Updated 4/29/2011)

Title: [Restricting the eligibility for the basic health plan to the basic health transition eligibles population under the Medicaid waiver.](#)

Notes: Restricts eligibility for the basic health plan to the basic health transition eligibles population under the Medicaid waiver.

Number: **SB 5596** (Enacted, Status Updated 5/31/2011)

Title: [Requiring the department of social and health services to submit a demonstration waiver request to revise the federal Medicaid program.](#)

Notes: Requires the department of social and health services to submit a section 1115 demonstration waiver request to the federal department of health and human services to expand and revise the medical assistance program.

Wisconsin

Number: **AB 40** (Enacted with partial veto, Status Updated 6/27/2011)

Title: [State finances and appropriations, constituting the executive budget act of the 2011 legislature.](#)

Notes: Gives the Department of Health and Human Services the authority to change Medicaid eligibility.

Wyoming	
Number:	SF 50 (Enacted, Status Updated 3/10/2011)
Title:	Medicaid options study
Notes:	Provides for a study related to options for reconfiguring the Medicaid program.

MEDICAL HOMES

Louisiana	
Number:	SB 207 (Vetoed, Status Updated 7/1/2011)
Title:	MEDICAID
Notes:	Provides for annual reports on the Coordinated Care Network program and for legislative authority relative to termination of the program.

New Jersey	
Number:	A 226 (Enacted, Status Updated 9/10/2010)
Title:	Concerning the Medicaid program and supplementing P.L.1968, c.413 (C.30:4D-1 et seq.)
Notes:	Directs a Medicaid medical home demonstration project to be established.

New Mexico	
Number:	HB 34 (Vetoed, Status Updated 4/11/2011)
Title:	HEALTH INSURANCE MEDICAL HOME REQUIREMENTS
Notes:	Provides that Medicaid, State Children's Health Insurance Program and state coverage initiative program contracts with managed-care organizations include specifications for funding medical homes.

New York	
Number:	SB 2809 (Enacted, Status Updated 3/31/2011)
Title:	AN ACT to amend the elder law, in relation to Medicare part D; to amend the public health law, in relation to early intervention services; to amend the public h
Notes:	Establishes the Multi-Payer Patient-Centered Medical Home Program.

Oregon	
Number:	HB 3650 (Enacted, Status Updated 7/7/2011)
Title:	Relating to health; creating new provisions; amending ORS 192.493, 410.604, 410.612, 411.404, 411.708, 413.032, 414.
Notes:	Establishes Oregon Integrated and Coordinated Health Care Delivery System to replace managed care systems for recipients of medical assistance. Specifies criteria for coordinated care organizations. Requires Oregon Health Authority to seek federal approval to allow enrollment of individuals who are dually eligible for Medicare and

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Medicaid into coordinated care organizations. Requires authority to establish alternate payment methodologies for coordinated care organizations.

Rhode Island

Number: **S 770** (Enacted, Status Updated 7/9/2011)

Title: [AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT](#)

Notes: Requires that the health insurance commissioner develop and implement standards of certification for patient-centered medical home facilities.

Virginia

Number: **HJ 82** (Passed both houses, Status Updated 3/11/2011)

Title: [Health care homes, chronic; Joint Commission on Health Care to study feasibility of developing.](#)

Notes: Directs the Joint Commission on Health Care to review available information including information about chronic health care home systems in other states to develop recommendations related to the development of a system of chronic health care homes in the Commonwealth.

Washington

Number: **SB 5394** (Enacted, Status Updated 5/11/2011)

Title: [Concerning primary care health homes and chronic care management.](#)

Notes: Promotes the adoption of primary care health homes and, within them, advances the practice of chronic care management to improve health outcomes and reduce unnecessary costs.

Wyoming

Number: **SF 139** (Enacted, Status Updated 3/3/2011)

Title: [Health care pilot project amendments](#)

Notes: Expands Healthy Frontier Pilot Program to more participants.

PRESCRIPTION DRUGS

Colorado

Number: **SB 192** (Enacted, Status Updated 5/27/2011)

Title: [Continue Prescrip Drug Monitor Program](#)

Notes: Continues the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program, which is used by providers to track patients' narcotics prescriptions.

Indiana

Number: **HB 1121** (Enacted, Status Updated 5/16/2011)

Title: [Unused medication.](#)

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Notes: Requires the board of pharmacy to adopt rules concerning a returning unused medication program (program). Provides civil liability immunity for an entity or employee of an entity who participates in a program, except for certain intentional misconduct and the enforcement of certain rules.

Iowa

Number: **SF 286** (Enacted, Status Updated 4/14/2011)

Title: [A bill for an act relating to the Iowa prescription monitoring program and including an effective date provision.](#)

Notes: Provides that a pharmacist or prescribing practitioner who has registered for access to the Iowa PMP may delegate access to one or more agents of the pharmacist or prescribing practitioner pursuant to rules of the board of pharmacy.

Kansas

Number: **HB 2182** (Enacted, Status Updated 5/25/2011)

Title: [Health and health care; pharmacy audits; health care freedom act; unused medications; addictions counselors; school sports head injury prevention; physical therapy; high school athlete health and safety requirements; health information and exchange act; advisory committee on trauma; advance practice nursing; emergency medical services; dental proprietor arrangements; smoking ban exemption.](#)

Notes: Amends procedures for pharmacy audits and unused medications.

Ohio

Number: **HB 93** (Enacted, Status Updated 5/20/2011)

Title: [To establish and modify the prevention of prescription drug abuse, development of information programs by the State Medical Board, and Medicaid coverage of prescription drugs.](#)

Notes: Establish and modifies the prevention of prescription drug abuse, development of information programs by the State Medical Board, and Medicaid coverage of prescription drugs.

Rhode Island

Number: **H 5211/S 480** (Enacted, Status Updated 6/22/2011)

Title: [AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- PHARMACIES](#)

Notes: Allows the administration of influenza immunizations by a pharmacy to adults and children nine- years of age and older, following completion of required training on the immunization of children.

Texas

Number: **HB 1405** (Enacted, Status Updated 6/17/2011)

Title: [Relating to provision by a health benefit plan of prescription drug coverage specified by formulary and to modifications of that coverage.](#)

Notes: Establishes a procedure for removal or modifications of coverage of medications on the health benefit plan prescription drug formulary, specifically for notifying beneficiaries.

Number: **HB 3531** (Enacted, Status Updated 6/17/2011)

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Title: [Relating to a system for monitoring prescriptions of certain drugs under the Medicaid program for children in foster care.](#)

Notes: Amends system for monitoring prescriptions for certain medications under the Medicaid program for children in foster care.

PROVIDER REIMBURSEMENT AND PRIVILEGES

Idaho

Number: **H 165** (Enacted, Status Updated 4/05/2011)

Title: [Midwives](#)

Notes: Allows a midwife licensed pursuant to chapter 55, title 54, Idaho Code, to be entitled to payment under the rules of the medical assistance program for midwife services provided to an eligible recipient of medical assistance.

Iowa

Number: **SF 233** (Enacted, Status Updated 4/07/2011)

Title: [A bill for an act relating to payment for behavioral health services provided by licensed mental health counselors and certified alcohol and drug counselors under the Medicaid program.](#)

Notes: The department of human services shall amend the medical assistance state plan to allow mental health counselors licensed in the state and alcohol and drug counselors certified in the state to be participating behavioral health providers under the medical assistance program.

Louisiana

Number: **HR 117** (Sent to Secretary of State, Status Updated 6/21/2011)

Title: [HEALTH/SCHOOL CLINICS](#)

Notes: Urges and requests the Department of Health and Hospitals to repeal administrative rules which serve as a barrier to Medicaid reimbursement for school-based health centers.

Oregon

Number: **SB 101** (Passed both houses, Status Updated 6/30/2011)

Title: [Relating to health care; creating new provisions; amending ORS 414.025, 414.065, 414.428, 414.705, 414.706, 414.708, 414.](#)

Notes: Authorizes payment for dental services under Family Health Insurance Assistance Program and under private health option of Health Care for All Oregon Children program. Authorizes Oregon Health Authority to provide packages of health services to specified groups of medical assistance recipients that are less comprehensive than health services on prioritized list of health services approved and funded by Legislative Assembly.

Texas

Number: **HB 1** (Enacted, Status Updated 06/17/2011)

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Title: [General Appropriations Bill.](#)

Notes: Eliminates wrap payments to FQHCs and will instead pay the entire encounter rate to Medicaid and CHIP Managed Care Organizations (MCOs); instructs the Health and Human Services Commission to include provisions for payment of the FQHC Prospective Payment System (PPS) rate and establish contractual requirements that require MCOs to reimburse FQHCs at the PPS rate.

Washington

Number: **SB 5927** (Enacted, Status Updated 5/31/2011)

Title: [Limiting payments for health care services provided to low-income enrollees in state purchased health care programs.](#)

Notes: Limits payment for health care services provided to low-income enrollees in state purchased health care programs.

Wyoming

Number: **HB 73** (Enacted, Status Updated 3/2/2011)

Title: [Dental services freedom bill](#)

Notes: Relating to insurance; prohibits fee schedules in health and dental insurance policies for non-covered services as specified.

Number: **SF 29** (Enacted, Status Updated 3/3/2011)

Title: [Developmental disability services](#)

Notes: Relating to the Medicaid program; provides requirements for the reimbursement of home and community based waiver service providers; directs the department of health to provide enhanced reimbursement of certified behavioral specialists as specified; directs the department and the university, with the community college commission, to develop a training and certification program for behavior specialists.

IMPROVING QUALITY AND REDUCING DISPARITIES

Colorado

Number: **HB 1242** (Enacted, Status Updated 6/2/2011)

Title: [Medicaid Provider Integration Of Service](#)

Notes: Requires the Department of Health Care Policy and Financing to review and submit a report to the legislature on issues related to the integration of mental and physical health services for Medicaid patients during same-day appointments, and suggest methods for removing these barriers and encouraging integration of services.

Kentucky

Number: **SB 63** (Enacted, Status Updated 3/16/2011)

Title: [AN ACT relating to diabetes](#)

Notes: Requires the Department for Medicaid Services, the Department for Public Health, the Office of Health Policy, and the Personnel Cabinet to collaborate to identify goals and benchmarks to reduce the incidence of diabetes in

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Kentucky, improve diabetes care, and control complications associated with diabetes.

Number: **SB 114** (Enacted, Status Updated 3/16/2011)

Title: [AN ACT relating to health benefit plan wellness programs](#)

Notes: Authorize health benefit plans to offer incentives or rewards to members who participate in a voluntary wellness or health improvement program.

Missouri

Number: **HB 667** (Enacted, Status Updated 6/17/2011)

Title: [Establishes two prostate cancer pilot programs to fund screening and treatment services and to provide education to men residing in the state](#)

Notes: Establishes a prostate cancer pilot program to fund screening and treatment services, and education for men whose income is 150% of the federal poverty line.

Number: **SCR 12** (Adopted, Status Updated 5/12/2011)

Title: [Urges the MO HealthNet Division to pursue the feasibility of implementing a program to assess chronic disease management of stroke prevention in atrial fibrillation](#)

Notes: Provides that the MO HealthNet Division assess the care and financial benefits of a program to address chronic disease management for stroke prevention within Medicaid and Medicare.

New Mexico

Number: **HJM 40** (Passed both houses, Status Updated 4/14/2011)

Title: [HEALTH CARE REFORM FOR NATIVE AMERICANS IN NM](#)

Notes: Calls for the collaborative efforts of Native American Pueblos, Tribes and Nations to establish a mechanism to engage in planning and to capitalize on opportunities to reform health care for American Indians in New Mexico.

Rhode Island

Number: **H 5633** (Enacted, Status Updated 6/30/2011)

Title: [AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- COMMISSION FOR HEALTH ADVOCACY AND EQUITY](#)

Notes: Creates the commission for health advocacy and equity. The commission would coordinate the state's various departments in order to establish and ensure equitable health standards and conditions for all individuals within the state.

Texas

Number: **HB 871** (Enacted, Status Updated 6/17/2011)

Title: [Relating to indigent health care services that may be provided by a county.](#)

Notes: Enables a county to provide other medically necessary services or supplies that the county determines to be cost-effective.

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Number: **SB 1220** (Enacted, Status Updated 6/17/2011)

Title: [Relating to the advisory committee on Medicaid and child health plan program rate and expenditure disparities between the Texas-Mexico border region and other areas of the state.](#)

Notes: Establishes an advisory committee on the rate and expenditures disparities of Medicaid and the child health plan program between the Texas-Mexico border regions.

REDUCING NON-URGENT EMERGENCY ROOM USE

Texas

Number: **HB 2245** (Enacted, Status Updated 6/17/2011)

Title: [Relating to physician incentive programs to reduce hospital emergency room use for non-emergent conditions by Medicaid recipients.](#)

Notes: Establishes a study to evaluate the physician incentive programs to reduce hospital emergency room use for non-emergent conditions by Medicaid recipients.

WORKFORCE

Alabama

Number: **HB 451** (Enacted, Status Updated 6/9/2011)

Title: [Dental Examiners of Alabama, Board of, dentists and dental hygienists, regulation and licensure, substantially revised](#)

Notes: Revises the regulations and licensure for dentists and dental hygienists.

Alaska

Number: **HB 28** (Enacted, Status Updated 6/27/2011)

Title: [TEMP LICENSE/FEE WAIVER FOR PROFESSIONALS](#)

Notes: Issues temporary courtesy licenses for certain nonresident professionals and allows a temporary exemption from fees and other licensing requirements for active duty members of the armed forces.

Arkansas

Number: **SB 42** (Enacted, Status Updated 2/22/2011)

Title: [AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE DENTAL HYGIENISTS TO PERFORM DENTAL HYGIENE PROCEDURES FOR PERSONS IN PUBLIC SETTINGS WITHOUT THE SUPERVISION OF A DENTIST.](#)

Notes: Defines public settings to include community health centers for purposes of this bill.

Colorado

Number: **HB 1242** (Enacted, Status Updated 6/2/2011)

Title: [Medicaid Provider Integration Of Service](#)

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Notes: Requires the Department of Health Care Policy and Financing to review and submit a report to the legislature on issues related to the integration of mental and physical health services for Medicaid patients during same-day appointments, and suggest methods for removing these barriers and encouraging integration of services.

Number: **HB 1281** (Enacted, Status Updated 5/19/2011)

Title: [Hlth Care Professional Loan Forgiveness](#)

Notes: Concerns the Health Care Professional Loan Forgiveness Programs administered by the Primary Care Office in the Department of Public Health and Environment.

Connecticut

Number: **HB 6306** (Enacted, Status Updated 7/13/2011)

Title: [AN ACT CONCERNING THE LISTING OF ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSES IN MANAGED CARE ORGANIZATION PROVIDER LISTINGS, AND PRIMARY CARE PROVIDER DESIGNATIONS](#)

Notes: Allows managed care organization (MCO) enrollees to designate advanced practice registered nurses (APRNs) as their primary care providers and to require MCOs to list APRNs in their provider listings.

Number: **SB 970** (Enacted, Status Updated 7/13/2011)

Title: [AN ACT CONCERNING WORKPLACE VIOLENCE PREVENTION AND RESPONSE IN HEALTH CARE SETTINGS](#)

Notes: Requires health care employers to develop and implement plans and training programs related to workplace violence prevention and response; and requires health care employers to report on incidents of workplace violence to the local law enforcement agencies and the Department of Public Health.

Florida

Number: **H 1319** (Enacted, Status Updated 5/31/2011)

Title: [Certificates/Licenses/Health Care Practitioners](#)

Notes: Provides issuance of temporary license to specified health care practitioners who are spouses of active duty members of Armed Forces under certain circumstances; revises scope & area of practice for dental hygienists; adopts American Dental Licensing Examination as clinical or practical licensure examination used for licensure as dentist in this state, providing specified conditions are maintained.

Georgia

Number: **HB 303** (Enacted, Status Updated 7/1/2011)

Title: [Physician assistants; delegation of authority by a physician; revise provisions](#)

Notes: Revises provisions relating to the delegation of authority to a physician assistant by a physician; authorizes physician assistants to sign off on certain documents relating to health care; revises a provision relating to a requirement that a supervising physician periodically see a patient.

Illinois

Number: **SB 1945** (Sent to Governor, Status Updated 6/17/2011)

Title: [COMPREHENSIVE HLTHCARE ACT](#)

Notes: Creates the Comprehensive Healthcare Workforce Planning Act. Establishes the State Healthcare Workforce Council

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to provide an ongoing assessment of health care workforce trends, training issues, and financing policies and to recommend appropriate State government and private sector efforts to address identified needs. Provides that the Council's work shall focus on health care workforce supply and distribution; cultural competence and minority participation in health professions education

Maryland

Number: **HB 354** (Enacted, Status Updated 5/19/2011)

Title: [Health Occupations - Temporary Volunteer Dentist's License, Temporary Volunteer Dental Hygienist's License, and Temporary Dental Clinic Permit](#)

Notes: Establishing a temporary volunteer dentist's license, a temporary volunteer dental hygienist's license, and a temporary dental clinic permit under the State Board of Dental Examiners; establishing procedures for dentists, dental hygienists, and bona fide charitable organizations to apply for specified licenses and permits; establishing the scope of practice of specified licenses; requiring temporary dental clinics to have a medical emergency plan and specified equipment and safeguards; etc.

Massachusetts

Number: **HB 3579** (Sent to Governor, Status Updated 7/27/2011)

Title: [An Act relative to the adult day health program](#)

Notes: Provides that the Executive Office of Health and Human Services conduct a feasibility study of implementing a moratorium on (1) clinical eligibility or level of reimbursement paid to providers of adult day health services for basic and complex levels of care, and (2) the acceptance and approval of applications for enrollment of new adult day health providers and expansion of the certified capacity of already approved adult day health providers.

Montana

Number: **SJ 18** (Sent to Secretary of State, Status Updated 4/26/2011)

Title: [Interim study on health care workforce development initiatives](#)

Notes: A joint resolution requesting an interim study of health care workforce needs and strategies for meeting those needs.

Nebraska

Number: **LB 68** (Enacted, Status Updated 2/23/2011)

Title: [Permit certified nurse midwives to have clinical privileges](#)

Notes: Provides clinical privileges to certified nurse midwives.

North Carolina

Number: **S 743** (Enacted, Status Updated 6/27/2011)

Title: [Encourage Volunteer Health Care Providers.](#)

Notes: Encourages the provision of medical services to indigent persons by providing for a Retired Limited volunteer license and by broadening the applicability of a limited volunteer license and by limiting liability for nonprofit

community health referral services.

Oklahoma

Number: **HB 2017** (Enacted, Status Updated 4/11/2011)

Title: [Public health and safety; relating to the Oklahoma Medical Loan Repayment Program; removing the maximum number of physicians eligible to participate in Program; providing maximum amounts that a participant may receive at the end](#)

Notes: Modifies the Oklahoma Medical Loan Repayment. Removes the limitation on number that may participate.

Number: **HB 2171** (Enacted, Status Updated 5/20/2011)

Title: [Transportation finance; Oklahoma Capitol Improvement Authority; effective date.](#)

Notes: Modifies the Physician Manpower Training Commission (PMTTC) residency program.

Oregon

Number: **HB 2397** (Passed both houses, Status Updated 6/29/2011)

Title: [Relating to a loan forgiveness program for primary care health practitioners; appropriating money; and declaring an emergency.](#)

Notes: Creates loan forgiveness program for primary care practitioners in Office of Rural Health. Appropriates money to office for purposes of program. Creates Primary Health Care Loan Forgiveness Program Fund.

Number: **HB 2401** (Enacted, Status Updated 6/9/2011)

Title: [Relating to a family medicine residency network; appropriating money; and declaring an emergency.](#)

Notes: Directs Area Health Education Center program to create family medicine residency network.

South Dakota

Number: **HB 1045** (Enacted, Status Updated 3/7/2011)

Title: [Authorize dental hygienists to provide preventive and therapeutic services to more persons under certain circumstances.](#)

Notes: Authorizes dental hygienists to provide preventive and therapeutic services to more persons under certain circumstances.

Texas

Number: **SB 822** (Enacted, Status Updated 6/17/2011)

Title: [Relating to expedited credentialing of certain physicians by managed care plans.](#)

Notes: Allows physicians involved in group practices expedited credentialing by managed care plans.

Wyoming

Number: **HB 103** (Enacted, Status Updated 3/3/2011)

Title: [WICHE-repayment program](#)

Notes: Establishes a loan repayment provision on specified students-including health professions; defining the

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requirements of the loan or service repayment program.

Number: **SF 29** (Enacted, Status Updated 3/3/2011)

Title: [Developmental disability services](#)

Notes: Relating to the Medicaid program; providing requirements for the reimbursement of home and community based waiver service providers; directing the department of health to provide enhanced reimbursement of certified behavioral specialists as specified; directing the department and the university, with the community college commission, to develop a training and certification program for behavior specialists.

GOVERNMENT REORGANIZATION

Arkansas

Number: **HB 1905** (Enacted, Status Updated 3/31/2011)

Title: [AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE OFFICE OF HEALTH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY.](#)

Notes: Establishes the Office of Health Information Technology.

Colorado

Number: **HB 1101** (Enacted, Status Updated 4/8/2011)

Title: [Exempt FQHCs State Licensure](#)

Notes: Exempts FQHCs from state licensure and related requirements. Section 3 of the bill clarifies that while an FQHC will no longer be licensed by the department, an FQHC continues as a general provider under the Colorado indigent care program.

Connecticut

Number: **HB 6308** (Enacted, Status Updated 7/1/2011)

Title: [AN ACT CONCERNING HEALTHCARE REFORM](#)

Notes: Creates the Office of Health Reform and Innovation.

Number: **HB 6618** (Enacted, Status Updated 7/13/2011)

Title: [AN ACT CONCERNING VARIOUS REVISIONS TO PUBLIC HEALTH RELATED STATUTES](#)

Notes: Establishes a school-based health center advisory committee.

Number: **SB 1240** (Enacted, Status Updated 6/13/2011)

Title: [AN ACT CONCERNING THE BUREAU OF REHABILITATIVE SERVICES AND IMPLEMENTATION OF PROVISIONS OF THE BUDGET CONCERNING HUMAN SERVICES AND PUBLIC HEALTH](#)

Notes: Establishes the Council on Medical Assistance Program Oversight which will advise the Commissioner of Social Services on the planning and implementation of the following health care systems: Husky Plan, Charter Oak Health Plan and the Medicaid Program.

IMMIGRATION

Alabama

Number: **HB 56** (Sent to Governor, *Status Updated 6/9/2011*)

Title: [Illegal immigrants, presence, employment, and benefits regulated, concealing, or protecting illegal aliens, prohibited, verification of legal status, penalties, Alabama Department of Homeland Security to establish E-Verify employer agent service, citizenship status of students required, eligibility and requirements for voter registration, certain business transactions prohibited, Beason-Hammon Alabama Taxpayer and Citizen Protection Act, Sec. 32-6-9 am'd. \(2011-21101\)](#)

Notes: Does not require documentation of lawful presence in the United States for certain health care and social services.

South Carolina

Number: **S 20** (Enacted, *Status Updated 7/6/2011*)

Title: [Immigration Reform](#)

Notes: Providing health care treatment or services to a natural person who is in the United States unlawfully is not a violation.