



# FLORIDA OSTEOPATHIC MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

## CRT Legislative Update - Week 3

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*This last week, the CRT/FOMA legislative team covered every corner of the Capitol, advocating for our physicians and their patients. It's only Week 3 and I'm pleased with the progress we've made this session, however, there is still much to be done, and we need your help to continue advocating for good health care policy in Florida. Thank you for your support and for putting Florida's patients first.*

**- Paul D. Seltzer, DO, FOMA Legislative Chairman**



**The Legislative Budget Process Begins**

This week, the legislature began unveiling budget proposals from appropriations subcommittees. Each subcommittee has a specific category of the budget that they are tasked with putting together. The chairmen of the committees in each chamber (House and Senate) will then negotiate their respective budgets until they meet an impasse, at which point it will go to the Appropriations chairs, and then finally to the Senate President and Speaker of the House. The budget process is the only constitutional obligation that the legislature has during the session, and must be completed before session adjourns.

The budget wasn't the only highlight of this week, as several pieces of legislation came up for a vote.

### Legislative Links

## Takeaways from Tallahassee

The legislature's discussions and debate on drug pricing continued this week, with the Senate introducing its PBM reform measures, as well as several other significant healthcare measures.



## Vaccine Administration Bill Coming Next Week

The CRT legislative team has recently learned that House Bill 825, by Representative Fernandez-Barquin, will be heard next week in the House Health Quality Committee. This bill, as written, would expand the list of vaccines that pharmacists can administer, as well as allow pharmacists to administer vaccines to children.

Our team is aware of a pending amendment that would significantly reduce the scope of this bill, and will continue to keep you updated as it moves forward.

## Sunscreen Bill on the Senate Floor

Senator Rob Bradley presented SB 172, the Florida Drug and Cosmetic

Act to the full Senate this week. The bill, filed in response to a Key West ordinance which outlaws certain types of sunscreen, preempts regulation of over-the-counter drugs and cosmetics to the state. If passed, this would nullify the Key West ordinance and prevent other local governments from filing similar ordinances. The House Bill, by Representative Spencer Roach, cleared its final committee stop, Health and Human Services, this week.



## Senate PBM Reform Introduced

The CRT Legislative Team was in the Senate Banking and Insurance Committee to hear Senator Wright present Senate Bill 1338.

There has been a lot of discussion and debate within the legislature about drug pricing. Many experts believe that the Pharmacy Benefits Managers (PBMs), groups that negotiate drug prices on behalf of insurers, are causing drug prices to rise.

This bill would require greater transparency and oversight over the PBMs.

Several groups spoke on the bill, saying that the measures included in the bill do not go far enough and will not lower prices for patients.

We are closely watching this issue, and will continue to provide updates as it moves forward.

For more information, and a complete list of all the bills we are tracking, click the link below.

[Bill Tracking](#)

