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State Legislative Update

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- Long Session: 60 Legislative Days
- Budget Year
- Biennium Budget / Redistricting / Tax Modernization / COVID Response



2022 KMA Legislative Priorities

- Prior Authorization Exemption (HB3443)
- Lung Health (HB219)
- Information Blocking (HB529)
- Healthcare Workforce Shortages (HB573 / HCR 112)



Prior Authorization

- Prior Authorization (HB343)
 - Requires health benefit plan issuers to “gold card” certain physicians from prior authorization by creating an automatic approval or exemption, on a physician-by-physician basis, that waives prior authorization requirements if that physician is approved for a specific procedure/service most of the time



Lung Health

- Lung Cancer Screening Program (HB219)
 - Establish the Lung Cancer Screening Program within the Department of Public Health and the Lung Cancer Screening Advisory Committee
 - Increase lung cancer screening, reduce the state's morbidity and mortality from lung cancer, reduce the cost of lung cancer treatment, and raise public awareness regarding the benefits of screening



Information Blocking

- **Compassionate Patient Support (HB529)**
 - Under federal law, providers must deliver electronic health information to patients “without delay”
 - Legislation allows providers to temporarily delay the delivery of certain patient test/lab results for up to 72 hours if receipt of such results by the patient prior to provider counseling could cause harm – exception is allowed by federal law



Healthcare Workforce Shortages

- Loan Relief Program (HB573)
 - Seeks to establish a state-based program that would operate alongside the current federal loan forgiveness program (Kentucky State Loan Repayment Program) in hopes of retaining more healthcare providers in Kentucky and further expand the number of healthcare providers in rural under-served areas of the Commonwealth



Healthcare Workforce Shortages

- Healthcare Workers Supply Task Force (HCR112)
 - Establish a task force to complete a study to identify strategies for maintaining an adequate supply of healthcare workers in the Commonwealth



Other Issues of Interest

- State of Emergency (SJR150)
- Step Therapy (SB140)
- Medicaid MCOs (SB45)
- Telehealth (HB188)



Other Issues of Interest

- Public Assistance (HB7)
- White Bagging (HB457)
- APRN Prescribing (HB354)
- Physician Assistants (HB336)



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