

New Mexico 2019 Legislative Update Initiatives and Developments

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What's At Stake?

...for our patients,

and for our practices.

Objectives

- Review 2019 health care legislation in New Mexico
- Discuss the effects on Family Physicians & our patients
- Look at the health care policy horizon

How the NM Legislature works

- Yearly sessions; bicameral; committees
- Bills, memorials, constitutional amendments
- In between sessions work (the Interim)
- Implementation of new laws

2019 session: New players

- Governor Michelle Lujan-Grisham (D)
- Both chambers majority D
- Committee chairs all D
- House Speaker D
- Senate leaders D

Prior Authorizations

Pharmaceutical Costs

Early Childhood Education

New Early Childhood Education Department

Gun Safety and Sales

Surprise Billing

Contraception Coverage

Drug Exposure in Pregnancy

Health Security for NM Plan

Opioids

Medicaid Update

Medicaid fully funded
Increased payments for common office billing
codes
Medicaid Buy-In study
Centennial Care 2.0 corrections

On the horizon in NM

Medical Malpractice Act
Scope of Practice
Board Recertification

Controversial legislation that did not pass 2019 NM Legislature

Non-medicinal cannabis
End of life options

Repeal of felony charge for abortion providers

Federal opportunities & threats

Pharmaceutical costs

Surprise billing

2020 elections

Roe v Wade

Gut the ACA

Medicare for All, Medicare X for All, Medicaid for All

Questions and Comments?

Thank you for your service to your patients, in all the forms that takes.