

Legislative Update February 21, 2015
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On February 20, 2015 the Board of the New Mexico Chapter of the Academy of Family Physicians considered the following bills for discussion. Consideration resulted in a decision to support, oppose, or remain neutral. It must be noted that consideration was taken as the bills existed on February 20, 2015. As bills move along in the process, they may be amended or substituted. Amended or substituted bills will be reconsidered and the decision to support, oppose, or remain neutral may be changed. The process to change a position on a bill will consist of notification of changes to the NMAFP Legislative Committee; who will then send out an electronic poll to the board members. If a change in support, opposition, or neutrality is made, the Legislative Committee will notify the Legislative Liaison.

SB 325 Health Agreement No-Compete Provisions (Sen. Ingle)

NEUTRAL

SB 121 Vaccine Purchasing Act (Sen. O'Neill)

SUPPORT

HB 122 Scope of Practice Act (Rep. McMillan)

SUPPORT

HB 259 Certain Physician Services Gross Receipts (Rep. McMillan)

SUPPORT

SB 376 Chiropractic Medicine & Advanced Practice (Sen. McSorley)

OPPOSE

SB 571 Physical Therapy Treatment & Board (Sen. Shendo)

SUPPORT (In its current form with the following concerns)

- What would the liability be for physicians if we're

asked to attest to the diagnosis?

- Unclear definition of the need for referral within 30 days; ie, always refer within 30 days? Or only when the condition of the patient does not improve?
- Would the referral within 30 days be to inform the physician or to make an appointment with physician within 30 days?