

# IOS Legislative Update

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# Indiana's Cancer Burden & Key Drivers

- 39,460 – diagnoses
- 13,570 – deaths
- #44 – cancer mortality rate
- #2 – leading cause of death
- 31% – tobacco-related
- #46 – obesity
- #45 – adult smoking rate
- #45 – pub. health funding
- #39 – mammography
- #37 – Pap test
- #36 – HPV vaccination



Sources:  
CDC, 2020 Cancer Mortality data  
2021, AHR, United Health Foundation  
[statecancerprofiles.cancer.gov](https://statecancerprofiles.cancer.gov)  
ACS Cancer Facts & Figures, 2022

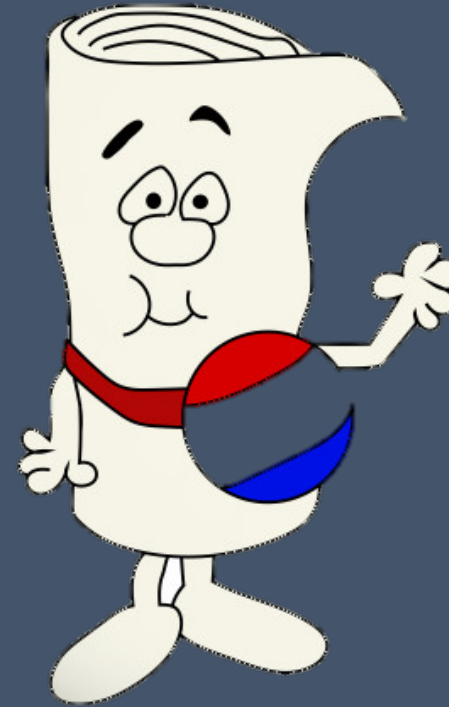
# Your Indiana Statehouse

- State Senate – 50 members
  - 39 Republican; 11 Democratic
  - 42 men; 8 women
- State House – 100 members
  - 71 Republican; 29 Democratic
  - 73 men; 27 women
- 2022 Elections



# Legislative Timeline

- Odd years – “long” session
  - Jan – Apr. 29
- Even years – “short” session
  - Jan – Mar 15
- 2023 Budget Process
  - Introduced by Gov.
  - Passed by House
  - Considered by Senate
- [www.iga.in.gov](http://www.iga.in.gov)



# 2022 Review: Special Session

- **Abortion**

- Near-total ban (exceptions for rape, incest, life/health of mother)
- Effective 9/15
- Fertility preservation/IVF is exempted
- Cancer care during pregnancy?

- **Wrap-around services**

- Post-partum Medicaid expanded (via state law) to 12 mos. Post-delivery
- \$45 million for Nurse Family Partnership, Safety PIN grants, childcare grants



# 2022 Policy in Review

## ACS CAN PRIORITIES:

- **Colorectal Cancer Screening (HEA 1238)** – Requires health plans to cover colonoscopies, including follow up colonoscopies after a stool-based test, without cost-sharing
- **Tobacco Control (SEA 382)** – Reduced tax on certain e-cigarette products; maintained exemption for synthetics
- **COVID Protocols (HEA 1001)** – Most employers required to provide exemptions from COVID vaccine mandates; health care facilities exempt



# 2022 Review: Regular Session

## BILLS THAT PASSED:

- **Telehealth (SEA 284)** – added certain occupational and mental health providers; Permits Medicaid to reimburse for telehealth services from home health agencies
- **Interstate medical licensure compact (SEA 251)** – Enters Indiana into 34-state compact; providers complete just one application
- **Practitioner advertising (SEA 239)** – Specifies advertisements communicated by a practitioner may not include deceptive information





# 2022 Review: Regular Session

## BILLS THAT PASSED:

- **Nursing Programs (HEA 1003)** – various changes to address nursing shortage; continues COVID-19 temporary health care registry; flexibility for teaching associate degree programs; more pathways for foreign-educated nurses; permits growth of nursing degree programs
- **Postpartum Medicaid Coverage (HEA 1140)** – permits Medicaid to extend coverage up to 12 months after birth



# 2022 Review: Regular Session

## OTHER ISSUES OF NOTE:

- **Health Care Costs** – A letter from legislative leaders; action is likely
- **Prior Authorization/Gold Card (SB 249)** – Amended response timelines; created “gold card” program



# Summer Study Topics



## Market Concentration

- Hospitals, insurers, practitioners, PBMs, pharmaceutical, etc.
- Trying to determine if concentration drives prices in IN

## Marijuana

- Study THC products – health benefits, risks, decriminalization

## Prior Authorization/Gold Card

- Study whether some providers should be exempt

# Looking Ahead: 2023



## ACS CANs PRIORITIES:

- **Tobacco**
  - Raising Indiana's cigarette tax; investing more in tobacco prevention & cessation programs
- **Research Funding**
  - Establishing a cancer research fund in Indiana to support research at IU and Purdue
- **Biomarker Testing**
  - Educating policymakers and stakeholders



# Other Issues to Watch



## **Governor's Public Health Commission Recommendations**

- \$250 million investment needed for local public health

## **Prior Authorization**

- Will it come back?

## **White bagging**

- Is there a path forward for policy solution?

## **Public Health Emergency**

- How many Medicaid enrollees will lose coverage?

## **Health Care Costs**

- What happens next? Price controls? Disclosures?



# THE BOTTOM LINE

Indiana is an unhealthy state  
AND there is a lot happening that affects your health care practice  
AND policymakers should do more to help ease the cancer burden  
AND your voice is needed

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# Questions?

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