



Controlled Substances

Methamphetamine & Pseudoephedrine

HEA1157 Methamphetamine Matters (Frizzell D) Creates a procedure for creating a stop sale alert for a person with a previous methamphetamine-related felony from attempting to buy pseudoephedrine without a prescription.

SEA80 Ephedrine & Pseudoephedrine (Head R) Provides for the development and use of a screening process for pharmacists to use to determine a customer's need for purchasing Sudafed. Allows the Board of Pharmacy to review determinations made to refuse a sale by a pharmacist to ensure compliance with the rules. A person with a customer history with pharmacy does not need to be screened.

SEA161 Pharmacists, Ephedrine, and Methamphetamine (Young R) Similar to both HEA1157 & SEA80. Also requires INSPECT program to track Sudafed dispensed via prescription.

Prescribing Practices

SEA174 Criminal Law Matters (Young R) Provides that a person who falsely impersonates a public servant commits a Class A misdemeanor. Creates the offense of dealing in a controlled substance by a practitioner and enhances the offense if the offenses causes the death of another person.

SEA187 Overdose Intervention Drugs (Merritt J) Requires an entity acting under a standing order issued by a prescriber for an overdose intervention drug to report annually certain information to the state department of health (state department). Requires the state department to ensure that a statewide standing order for the dispensing of an overdose intervention drug is issued for Indiana. Allows the state health commissioner or a public health authority to issue a statewide standing order for the dispensing of an overdose intervention drug. Requires certain emergency ambulance services responsible for submitting the report to report the number of times an overdose intervention drug has been administered. Requires the ambulance service to include the information in the emergency ambulance service's report to the emergency medical services commission under the emergency medical services system review. Provides that, if certain conditions are met, an individual who aided an individual in need of medical assistance due to an opioid related overdose is immune from certain criminal prosecutions.

SEA214 Controlled Substances (Hershman B) Prohibits Medicaid reimbursement for Subutex, Suboxone, or a similar trade name or generic of the drug if the drug was prescribed for the treatment of pain or pain management and the drug is only indicated for addiction treatment. Requires the office of the secretary and the division of mental health and addiction to develop a treatment protocol containing best practice guidelines for the treatment of opiate dependent patients to be used by certain office

based opioid treatment providers. Requires the office of the secretary to recommend certain best practice guidelines to: the professional licensing agency; the office of Medicaid policy and planning; and a managed care organization that has contracted with the office.

Treatment

SEA271 Drug Enforcement, Treatment, and Prevention (Merritt J) Establishes the Indiana Commission to Combat Drug Abuse (ICCD). Repeals the Commission for a Drug Free Indiana. Requires the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute (ICJI) to assume certain duties of the repealed commission for a drug free Indiana concerning the approval of comprehensive drug free community plans and grants. Provides that the executive director of the ICJI has certain responsibilities concerning the ICCDA and local coordinating councils.

SEA297 Opioid Dependence Treatment (Miller P) Requires Medicaid coverage for inpatient detoxification for the treatment of opioid or alcohol dependence. Adds requirements for an opioid treatment program to meet in order to operate in Indiana. Requires the division of mental health and addiction (division) to adopt specified administrative rules concerning opioid treatment by an opioid treatment provider. Requires the office of the secretary and the division to develop a treatment protocol containing best practice guidelines for the treatment of opiate dependent patients to be used by certain office based opioid treatment providers. Requires an opioid treatment program to provide specified information upon request by the division. Urges the legislative council to assign a study committee the topic of patient access to and provider reimbursement for federally approved medication assisted treatment in the Medicaid program.

HEA1263 Health Information; Telemedicine (Kirchhofer C) Requires the secretary of Family and Social Services to provide information concerning the Medicaid program, the Healthy Indiana Plan, and the Children's Health Insurance Program to the legislative services agency upon request for the purposes of doing analysis related to those programs. Sets forth requirements that must be met before: a physician; a physician assistant; an advanced practice nurse; or an optometrist with prescriptive authority may issue a prescription to a patient receiving telemedicine services. Provides that certain drugs and devices may not be prescribed through the use of telemedicine. Specifies jurisdiction for out-of-state providers providing health care services to patients located in Indiana through the use of telemedicine and requires these providers and entities that employ or contract with these providers to certify certain information with the Indiana professional licensing agency (agency). Authorizes the agency to adopt policies and rules concerning the required certification. Authorizes the medical licensing board to adopt rules establishing guidelines for the practice of telemedicine.