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### **2016 Legislative Wrap-up: Public Health Implications**

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# 2016 SESSION WRAP-UP

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INDIANA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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104 Enrolled House Bills

114 Enrolled Senate Bills

27 bills passed through the House Public Health Committee

# PRIORITIES

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- Countering Indiana's meth scourge
- Battling opioid abuse
- Improving access to and quality of care

# COMBATTING INDIANA'S METH SCOURGE

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## SEA 80 Ephedrine and Pseudoephedrine

- Allows a pharmacist to deny the sale of pseudoephedrine based on the lack of a legitimate medical need.
- Prohibits a customer from buying pseudoephedrine without a prescription unless they are a patient of record with the pharmacy or they accept either tamper-resistant pseudoephedrine or a smaller package of pseudoephedrine (24 x 30mg).

## HEA 1157/SEA 161 Methamphetamine Manners

- Blocks the sale of ephedrine or pseudoephedrine to those previously convicted of meth-related felonies.

# BATTLING OPIOID ABUSE

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## SEA 297 Opioid Dependence Treatments

- ❑ Requires opioid treatment programs (OTPs) to enroll as Medicaid providers, HIP providers, or order, prescribing, or referring providers in order to operate in Indiana.
  - Elevates OTPs on the healthcare continuum so they can provide comprehensive care.
  - They will have the opportunity to provide wraparound services and receive reimbursement for other addiction treatment drugs such as Suboxone and Vivitrol.
  
- ❑ Requires the adoption of rules for OTPs that encourage the goal of abstinence.

# BATTLING OPIOID ABUSE

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## SEA 187 Release of Medical Tests of Pregnant Women

- Prohibits practitioners from releasing to law enforcement the results of a pregnant women's verbal screenings or questionings concerning drug or alcohol use, urine tests, or blood tests.
  - Goal: encourage the early detection of Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome.

## SEA 187 Overdose Intervention Drugs

- Requires the Indiana State Department of Health to issue a statewide standing order for the dispensing of overdose intervention drugs.
- Provides immunity for individuals who administer naloxone or an overdose intervention drug to someone suffering from an overdose.

# ACCESS TO AND QUALITY OF CARE

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## HEA 1263 Telemedicine

- Allows providers with prescriptive authority to issue prescriptions via telemedicine.
  - Excludes the prescription of controlled substances, abortion inducing drugs, and ophthalmic devices (glasses and contact lenses).
  
- Requires telemedicine providers to consent to jurisdiction in Indiana.



# ACCESS TO AND QUALITY OF CARE

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## HEA 1347 Mental Health Matters

- ❑ Addresses a workforce shortage in Community Mental Health Centers.
- ❑ Requires the Office of Medicaid Policy and Planning to reimburse under Medicaid for mental health services provided by the following professionals employed at Community Mental Health Centers:
  - APNs: allows them to provide integrated care services so that primary and mental health care are provided together;
  - Graduate/post-graduate students in the medical, nursing, mental health, behavioral health, or addiction treatment fields; and
  - Licensed clinical addictions counselors.

# ACCESS TO AND QUALITY OF CARE

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## SEA 165 Healthy Indiana Plan

- Repeals the prior Healthy Indiana Plan statutes and makes revisions to the current Healthy Indiana Plan.
- Repeals statutes governing the High-Risk Indiana Check-up Plan.
- Codifies HIP 2.0 and puts FSSA in a stronger position to negotiate the next federal waiver.

# LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH MATTERS

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## SEA 140 County Hospital Board Compensation

- Increases maximum compensation for county hospital board members from \$3,600 to \$6,000.

## SEA 163 Department of Health Matters

- Allows information in the ISDH's cancer registry to be used in investigations of cancer clusters by local health departments.
- Allows local child fatality teams to investigate the death of a child whose death occurred in the area served by the team.

## HEA 1088 Death Certificates

- Allows an emergency room physician, if they are unsure of a patient's cause of death, to refer the case to the coroner.

## HEA 1278 INSPECT Program

- Allows county coroners to access the INSPECT program during a death investigation.

# FUTURE TOPICS FOR CONSIDERATION

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- SEA 15 Food Deserts.
- SB 162 Hospital Immunizations.
- HB 1176 Diabetes Incidence Plan and Report.
- HB 1177 Cancers Associated with Human Papillomavirus.
- Infectious diseases spread through needle use, such as:
  - HIV
  - Hepatitis C



Source: theconversation.com



Source: seattlechildrens.org



Source: theasianparent.com

# Questions, Comments?

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# SAVE THE DATE



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*The Future of Public Health: The Integration of Policy, Practice and Research*

**Sept 14** Pre-Conference Grant Writing Academy

**Sept 15** Conference

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### Save the Date!

**Please join us on April 22 and 29:**

**April 22:** Domain 12 - Maintaining Capacity to Engage the Public Health Governing Entity

**April 29:** Kicking Off a New Series on the RWJs Culture of Health (<http://www.rwjf.org/en/culture-of-health.html>)

