

NSMA Successes in the 2011 Nevada Legislature

- * Protected physicians from more cuts in Medicaid payments next biennium and defeated a budget proposal to cut by 15% Medicaid payments to physicians for non-primary care services. (Budget)
- * Defended voter-approved KODIN liability reforms by helping to defeat a measure that would have in effect extended the statute of limitations by allowing cases to be filed without an expert affidavit attached. (AB 149)
- * Secured the Governor's veto of a measure that would have banned balanced billing and required out-of-network hospitals and physicians to accept payment rates set by statute in certain cases. (SB 115)
- * Defeated a proposal to prevent Medical Assistants from conducting currently permitted procedures, and successfully protected the status quo by defining the role of MAs in law as being under the supervision of a physician. (SB 294)
- * Negotiated the improvement of patient protection laws relating to safe injection practices, sentinel events, checklists, and facility quality reporting. (AB 280, SB 209, SB 246, SB 338, SB 339, SB 419)
- * Gained liability protections for physicians and other health care practitioners who respond to disasters through the enactment of the Uniform Emergency Volunteer Health Practitioners Act. (AB 98)
- * Protected physician scope of practice by defeating a bill that would have changed the Board of Homeopathic Medical Examiners to the Board of Complementary and Integrative Medical Examiners and widened the scope of practice for licensees. (SB 412)
- * Improved public health by banning the use of hand-held cellular phones for voice or text communications while driving. (SB 140)
- * Supported the requirement that in each retail establishment where cigarettes are sold, a sign must be posted regarding the dangers of smoking tobacco during pregnancy. (AB170)
- * Prevented pharmacists from gaining the authority to substitute therapeutically equivalent drugs that are not biologically equivalent. (AB 221)
- * Prevented pharmacists working in collaborative agreements from being authorized to prescribe medications. (AB 199)
- * Prevented non-medical staff at the Department of Motor Vehicles from being able to question the medical necessity of a physician's order for the issuance of special license plates or placards for disabled persons; and opposed a restriction on the number of orders for special licenses or placards a physician may issue. (SB 303 & SB 244)

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