

2010 Legislative Priorities

Budget / Medicaid

- Protect against further reductions to the physician reimbursement line item for Medicaid providers
- Re-Unify the % of Medicare applied to determine the physician reimbursement rate for Medicaid providers while protecting primary care as legislated in the 2009 Budget
- Advocate for the utilization of Community Care of NC (CCNC) as the Medicaid managed care program for North Carolina – including prior-authorization programs

Medical Liability Reform

- Advocate for amendments to H813 – Uniform Apportionment of Tort Responsibility to insure that the bill includes:
 - a process for the fair apportionment of responsibility
 - a process that protects defendant from unreasonable reapportionment of responsibility due to uncollectable portions from other defendants
 - language that allows juries to be informed about payment already collected for the cost of medical expenses incurred as a result of the injury

Scope of Practice

- Physical Therapist practice act changes – support NCMS amendments
- Licensure of Naturopaths – oppose unless the bill includes:
 - adequate supervision by a physician for any medical acts, tasks and functions
 - no surgery, no prescription authority
 - inclusion of Felony for the unlicensed practice of medicine
(additional provisions detailed in June 2007 Naturopathy White Paper)
- Licensure of Certified Professional Midwives – oppose
- Pharmacist scope expansion to dispense all CDC approved vaccines – oppose

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