

Health Policy Year in Review and What Lies Ahead in 2018



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About Michael Best Strategies

- A B2B consulting firm specializing in:
 - Lobbying
 - Government relations
 - Political partnership development
 - Public affairs
 - Crisis management
 - Shared value strategies, and
 - Community/stakeholder engagement
- Industry focus areas include: Healthcare, energy and environment, manufacturing tax and finance, higher education, agriculture, food and beverage.



Meet Our Team Working With The Alliance





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Why Is Health Policy Important to The Alliance?

- Health policy decisions legislative and executive can have a direct impact on members of The Alliance and on The Alliance as an organization
- Federal and state governments are the largest purchasers of health care – their decisions affect the market
- There is strength in numbers in policy making as well as purchasing



Meet the Health Policy Committee!

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What Does the Health Policy Committee Do?

- Recommend a health policy platform and resolutions to guide decision and action on public policy and draft legislation
- Provide advice and make recommendations regarding The Alliance's position on legislative proposals and regulatory actions
- Communicate with the Board and members regarding health policy matters



The Alliance Health Policy Platform

1. **Cost and Quality Transparency** – The Prerequisite to meaningful Change in Health Care

2. Aligning Incentives for Providers – Redesigning Payment Mechanisms to Promote Better Value

3. Supporting Consumers

4. **The Health Care Marketplace** – Preserve What Works, Fix What Doesn't and Remain Open to Change



Wisconsin Health Policy and Electoral Update

End of Session Overview and Preview of 2018 Elections



Wisconsin Executive Branch

- Wisconsin Governor Scott Walker
- Republican Party Assumed Office January 2011





Wisconsin Senate, 33 Member Chamber

Majority Leader Scott Fitzgerald





Minority Leader Jennifer Shilling



Wisconsin Assembly, 99 Member Chamber

• Speaker Robin Vos



• Minority Leader Gordon Hintz





Legislative Overview

- The current 2017-18 legislative session ends on March 22
- 2017 was dominated by the extended state budget debate and Foxconn
- 2018 dominated by numerous high-profile issues, including a special session on welfare reform and the Governor's Health Care Stability Plan
- The 2019-20 legislative session will begin on Jan 7, 2019



Legislation to Highlight

- Worker's Compensation legislation (w/ fee schedule)
- Health care legislation:
 - State-based reinsurance program
 - Direct primary care agreements
 - State association health plans



Current Political Dynamics

- Intraparty tensions as a result of 4th straight session of complete GOP control
- Outstanding controversial legislation
 - Juvenile justice reform, child tax credit, health care bills, Kimberly-Clark incentives, school safety, etc.
- Uncertain healthcare and insurance regulatory environment – What is the future of the ACA?
- Potential GOP election headwinds with Republicancontrolled White House



2018 Election Preview

- Governor/Lieutenant Governor
- Attorney General
- Secretary of State
- Treasurer
- Half of the State Senate (for four year terms)
- Representatives in the Assembly All 99 Districts
- U.S. Senate (Sen. Baldwin)
- All 8 House of Representatives members



Illinois Health Policy and Electoral Update

Family Medical Leave – 2018 Legislative Proposals



All-Payer Claims Database

- Medicaid
- Prescription Monitoring Program



Direct Primary Care

• Not being discussed in Illinois



Association Health Plans

• Not being discussed in Illinois



2018 Illinois Healthcare Legislation

- Illinois Hospital Assessment Tax Program
- Managed Care
- Opioid Crisis



Illinois Primary Election – March 20th, 2018

- Governor/Lieutenant Governor
- Attorney General
- Secretary of State
- Comptroller
- Treasurer
- State Senators (for four year terms certain districts)
- Representatives in the General Assembly All 118 Districts



Republican Primary for Governor





Democratic Primary for Governor

• Frontrunners: Pritzker, Kennedy, Biss





Questions and Comments

