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## Florida Medical Association

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### FMA President



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- Founded in 1874
- Dedicated to the service and assistance of Doctors of Medicine and Doctors of Osteopathic Medicine in Florida
- Represents more than 20,000 physicians



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EDUCATION

The FMA offers CME activities ranging from live courses and conferences, online sessions, and activities offered in partnership with community hospitals and state specialty and county medical societies.



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## FMA EDUCATION

The FMA accredits **55** CME providers to offer CME in Florida, mostly community hospitals and health systems, and a few state specialty and county medical societies.



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**In 2015:**

FMA provided **97** CME activities for  
**789** credits for **9,826** physicians &  
**929** other health care professionals.



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**In 2015:**

FMA-accredited CME providers offered  
**1,920** activities for **9,849** credits for  
**94,433** physicians & **62,621** other  
health care professionals.



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# FMA 2017 Legislative Session Report



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## 2017 Legislative Report

- The 2017 Florida Legislative Session concluded on Monday May 8, with the passage of the state budget
- **3,131** bills were introduced this year only a handful were approved by both the House and Senate
- Your FMA team of lobbyists tracked **241 bills** and numerous amendments that either directly or indirectly affected the practice of medicine in the state of Florida





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## 2017 Legislative Report

# Legislation That Passed

- Catastrophic Fund Exemption for Medical Malpractice
  - Repealed the sunset provision permanently & exempted medical malpractice premiums from emergency assessments





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# Legislation That Passed

- Board of Medicine Rule Ratification
  - Allows physicians to administer controlled substances in doses appropriate for the unsupervised treatment of insomnia, anxiety, or pain in a Level 1 Office Surgery setting
  - Requires Flumazenil and Nalaxone to be stocked on the crash cart if benzodiazepines or opiates are administered





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# Legislation the FMA Defeated

- ARNP Independent Practice
  - Would have allowed ARNPs to practice independent of physician oversight.





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# Legislation the FMA Defeated

- Optometry Scope Expansion
  - Would have allowed optometrists to perform surgical procedures and expand their prescriptive authority





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# Legislation the FMA Defeated

- Scope Expansion for Pharmacists
  - Would have expanded pharmacist's scope by allowing them to do medical tasks such as ordering labs/clinical tests, and initiating, modifying or discontinuing medications.





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### Legislation the FMA Defeated

- Liability for Termination of Pregnancy
  - This bill would have increased the statute of limitations period, and defendant physicians would have been responsible for plaintiffs' attorney fees—something no other medical professionals face





# Legislation the FMA Defeated

- Limitations in Medical Payments
  - This legislation would have limited physician reimbursement care provided to certain accident victims to the Medicaid Rate







# Legislation That Did Not Pass

- Health Insurance Legislation
  - The FMA supported legislation that would have prevented retroactive denials, allowed physicians to override fail first protocols, and provided for simpler prior authorization procedures







# Legislation That Did Not Pass

- Direct Primary Care

- DPC is a primary care model in which patients are charged a simple, affordable flat monthly fee for comprehensive coverage of all primary care services.
- The FMA supported legislation to establish that DPC agreements are not insurance and therefore not subject to regulation under the Florida Insurance Code.
- SB 240 became trade bait and did not pass





# Legislation That Did Not Pass

- Maintenance of Certification

- The FMA pushed for legislation that would have alleviated the burdens of the MOC process & placed education back in the hands of Florida physicians
- The MOC issue was unknown to legislators
- The FMA will continue educating members of the Legislature about the shortfalls of MOC in preparation for the 2018 Session





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## How You Can Make Medicine Stronger

Make your profession stronger by  
donating to the FMA PAC



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## The FMA PAC is the political arm of the FMA

- **MISSION:** elect pro-medicine candidates into the Florida Legislature.
- Contributing to the **FMA PAC** is the single most powerful thing you can do for the medical profession in Florida.



## FMA PAC



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## Election Preview: What we know

- Miami-Dade area
  - District 40 now has an open Senate seat due to the resignation of Senator Frank Artiles
  - This has caused a ripple effect and both Representative Baez (District 114) and Representative Diaz (116) are now running for the open Senate seat

### Special Election:

- ✓ Primary- July 25
- ✓ General- September 26



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## Election Preview: What we know

- Orlando

- Representative Eric Eisnaugle (District 44) has resigned, creating another open House seat

### Special Election:

- ✓ Dates to be announced



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**94%**

of FMA PAC endorsed candidates won their elections in 2016.



**95%**

of FMA PAC endorsed candidates won their elections in 2014.



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**92%**

**Florida Senate  
races: 22 of 24 of  
our candidates won**





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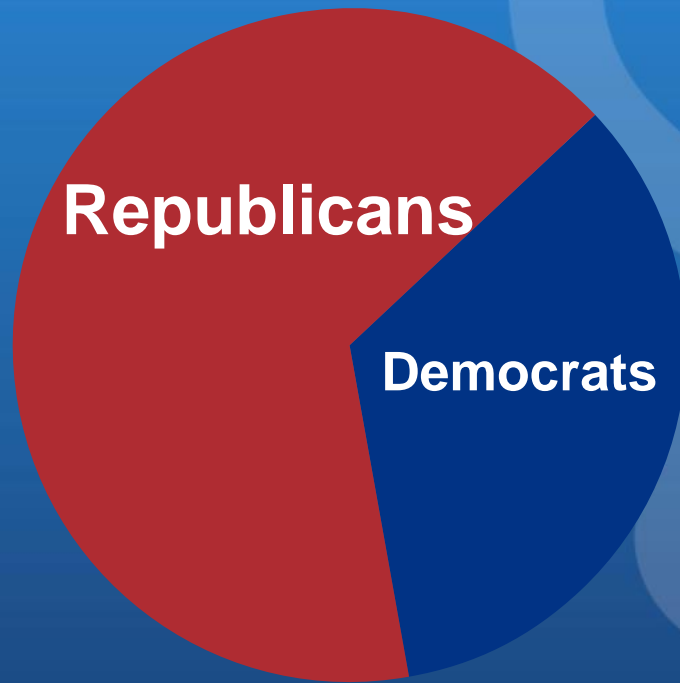
**95%**

**Florida House  
races: 70 of 74  
of our candidates  
won**



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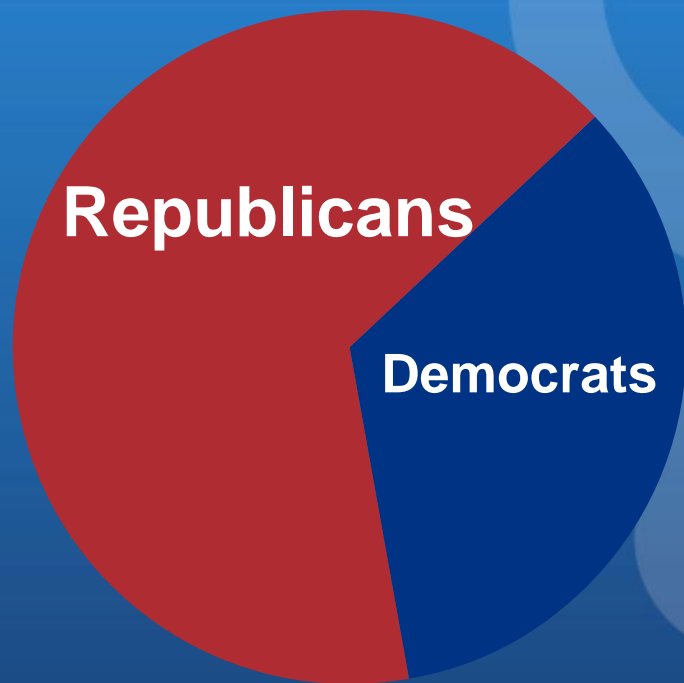


**The Republicans hold the majority in the House with 79 Republicans to 41 Democrats**



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**The Republicans  
also still hold the  
majority in the  
Senate with 25  
Republicans and  
15 Democrats**