



2018 INDIANA LEGISLATIVE SESSION REPORT OUT

This document contains a list of legislation in Indiana's 2018 legislative session that were determined to have implications for the health workforce. Legislation highlighted in **green** was signed into law.

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Senate Bills in 2018 Legislative Session with Implications for the Health Workforce

| Link | Senate Bill # | Last Action (Options: Introduced; Left Pending In Committee; Failed out of Committee; Failed out of Chamber; Signed by Governor; Vetted by Governor) | Topic | Summary/Notes | Potential Implications for Health Workforce | Senate Sponsor | Senate Committee | House Sponsor | House Committee |
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| https://iga.in.gov | 13 | Signed by Governor | Administration of overdose intervention drugs | Community correction officers and probation officers may administer an overdose intervention drug | Overdose intervention drugs can be administered by people other than medical providers (correction/probation officers). | Glick | Civil Law | Ober | Public Health |
| https://iga.in.gov | 15 | Left Pending in Committee | Worker career enhancement tax credit | Provides a credit against state tax liability for an employer of an employee earning the federal or state minimum wage who completes a career enhancement training program | Provides an incentive | Ruckelshaus, Grooms, Ford | Pensions and Labor | | |
| https://iga.in.gov | 28 | Left pending in Committee | Nursing faculty loan repayment grant program | Establishes grant program to increase nursing faculty in Indiana | Increase nurse faculty to train nurses in Indiana. | Becker, Delph, Charbonneau | Health and Provider Services; Tax and Fiscal Policy | Clere | Ways and Means |
| https://iga.in.gov | 50 | Signed by Governor | Governor's workforce cabinet | Establishes the Governor's workforce cabinet. Specifies the membership and duties of the cabinet. Provides that the cabinet shall serve as the state advisory body required under certain federal laws. | Establishes Governor's workforce cabinet for development, review, analysis, evaluation of workforce programs | Eckerty, Head, Perfect | Rules and Legislative Procedure, Appropriations | Huston | Ways and Means |
| https://iga.in.gov | 107 | Left pending in Committee | INSPECT registration for dispensers of controlled substances | Requires certain registered dispensers of controlled substances to be registered with the INSPECT program | Dispensers (pharmacies) would be required to register with INSPECT | Merritt, Alting | Health and Provider Services | | |
| https://iga.in.gov | 142 | Signed by Governor | Maternal mortality review committee | Requires state department of health to establish a statewide maternal mortality review committee and set forth membership and duties of the committee | Committee will review maternal morbidity/mortality and make recommendations that could have implications for health care professionals training and/or health care delivery | Leising, Charbonneau, Becker | Health and Provider Services | Engleman | Public Health |
| https://iga.in.gov | 157 | Left Pending in Committee | Real world career readiness program | Provides that the state board of education (state board) shall establish the program to provide a real world career readiness student with career and technical education credentials necessary to transition from school to the workforce | Provides early training to set-up for success | Ruckelshaus, Kruse | Education and Career Development, Appropriations | | |
| https://iga.in.gov | 160 | Left pending in Committee | Chiropractic licensure | Allows chiropractors to perform certain procedures and functions that chiropractors are currently prohibited from performing | Increase chiropractor scope of practice | Messmer, Alting, Becker | Health and Provider Services | | |
| https://iga.in.gov | 175 | Left Pending in Committee | Practice and licensure of naturopathic medicine study | Practice and licensure of naturopathic medicine study | Emerging regulated profession: naturopathic medicine | Niezdowski | Health and Provider Services | | |
| https://iga.in.gov | 183 | Left Pending in Committee | Practice of dentistry | Provides that a person practices dentistry if the person offers to diagnose, professes to diagnose, treats, or professes to treat any lesion or disease of the oral and maxillofacial region or associated and adjacent structures | Further defines the definition of practice of dentistry | Merritt | Health and Provider Services | | |
| https://iga.in.gov | 193 | Left Pending in Committee | Study committee on pregnant women and HIP | Study on pregnant women on HIP vs Hoosier Healthwise Medicaid Program | Information collected from two different sources will allow for sharing of info/comparisons/differences to be made | Breaux | Health and Provider Services | | |

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| https://iga.in.g | 204 | Left Pending in Committee | Veterans educational matter | Provides for state educational institution students who are members of the Indiana National Guard or the reserves and are called to active duty during an academic term to receive: (1) a tuition refund or credit; or (2) reenrollment in courses not completed due to active duty status | Allows active duty students to receive tuition refund if they were called to duty during academic term | Freeman, Glick | Education and Career Development | | |
| https://iga.in.g | 208 | Left Pending in Committee | Physician maintenance of certification | A hospital may not deny a physician hospital staff of admitting privileges solely because the physician refused to participate in maintenance of certification | Do not have to hold a board certification in a specialty medical area to practice | Brown, Charbonneau | Health and Provider Services | Zent | Public Health |
| https://iga.in.g | 219 | Left Pending in Committee | INSPECT program reporting and review | Transmit certain information to the INSPECT program when an emergency medical services provider administers an overdose intervention drug to a patient | EMS providers would have to report to INSPECT when overdose intervention drug is administered | Houchin | Health and Provider Services | | |
| https://iga.in.g | 221 | Signed by Governor | INSPECT program | Requires practitioners to check INSPECT before prescribing an opioid or benzodiazepine in certain cases | Practitioners required to register for INSPECT and check before prescribing in many cases | Houchin, Charbonneau, Zakas | Health and Provider Services | Smaltz | Public Health |
| https://iga.in.g | 223 | Signed by Governor | Information provided by health practitioners | Requires specified licensed health practitioners to provide certain information related to the practitioner's work, including the practitioner's work with Medicaid patients, when renewing the practitioner's professional license online. Requires the Indiana professional licensing agency to: (1) compile the information collected into an annual report; (2) post a copy of the report on the agency's Internet web site; and (3) submit the report to the office of Medicaid policy and planning, the department of workforce development, the commission on improving the status of children, the legislative council, and the office of the attorney general. | Health practitioners required to provide information via survey at license renewal. | Head, Charbonneau | Health and Provider Services | McNamara | Public Health |
| https://iga.in.g | 224 | Signed by Governor | Behavioral health and human services licensing | Allows up to 50% of the supervised experience hours required for licensure as the following to be accounted for through virtual supervision by the appropriate supervisors | Allows tele-supervision to count for hours required for behavioral health providers' licensure | Head, Charbonneau, Merritt | Health and Provider Services | Frizzell | Public Health |
| https://iga.in.g | 225 | Signed by Governor | Continuing education requirements | Establishes continuing education requirements for licensed health care practitioners who apply for a controlled substances registration | Requires continuing education for licensed health care providers seeking a controlled substance registration | Head, Houchin, Merritt | Health and Provider Services | Kirchhofer | Public Health |
| https://iga.in.g | 230 | Signed by Governor | Suicide prevention | Provides that the division of mental health and addiction is responsible for the development and provision of a research based training program for health care providers concerning suicide assessment, training, and management that is | EMTs must complete a DMHA-developed/administered training program for suicide assessment, treatment, and management | Head, Charbonneau, Merritt | Health and Provider Services | Olthoff | Public Health |
| https://iga.in.g | 253 | Left Pending in Committee | Registry of employers preferring veterans | Requires the Indiana department of workforce development to establish and maintain a registry of private employers, local units of governments, and labor unions in Indiana that have a voluntary veterans' preference employment policy | Will allow veterans to more easily get into the workforce | Mrvan | Veterans Affairs and The Military | | |
| https://iga.in.g | 301 | Signed by Governor | Criminal history checks for home health workers | Provides that an expanded criminal history check may be used instead of certain background checks and criminal history checks for home health care workers | Allows for more in-depth background checks for home health workers and CNAs | Ratz, Kruse | Commerce and Technology | Thompson | Public Health |
| https://iga.in.g | 321 | Left Pending in Committee | Medicaid rate for chemical dependency services | Medicaid reimbursement for the provision of inpatient substance abuse detoxification services at a per diem rate that factors in the average length of stay for a patient for the reimbursed diagnosis related group | Provides new rate for reimbursement for detox services | Breaux | Health and Provider Services | | |
| https://iga.in.g | 335 | Left Pending in Committee | Prescribing of controlled substance | Requires that a controlled substance prescription be issued electronically after June 30, 2019, and establishes a Class B infraction for a prescriber who fails to comply | Prescribers must issue controlled substance prescriptions electronically | Grooms | Health and Provider Services | | |

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| https://iga.in.g | 355 | Left Pending in Committee | Licensure of behavior analysts | Provides for licensure of behavior analysts and assistant behavior analysts (rather than certification under current law) | Emerging profession: increased regulation (licensure) for profession that is currently state-certified | Kruse | Commerce and Technology | | |
| https://iga.in.g | 369 | Signed by Governor | Workers compensation drug formulary | Specifies application of the formulary for employees who file notice of injury or occupational disease before July 1, 2019 | Creates guidelines for prescribing to individuals on workers comp. | Head, Boots, Walker | Pensions and Labor | Lehman | Employment, Labor, and Pensions |
| https://iga.in.g | 378 | Left Pending in Committee | Medicaid based statewide health plan | Establishes the Indiana statewide health plan within the Medicaid program | Introduces a state-wide health care plan | Lanane | Health and Provider Services | | |
| https://iga.in.g | 389 | Left Pending in Committee | INSPECT program report | Requires the Indiana professional licensing agency to prepare an annual report concerning INSPECT information, submit the report to the general assembly, and post the report on the agency's Internet web site | Requires an annual inspection/analysis on INSPECT, which would have included # providers, # Rxs, # patients | Zay | Corrections and Criminal Law | | |
| https://iga.in.g | 398 | Left Pending in Committee | Office based opioid treatment programs | Creates an interims study committee to determine whether Indiana should require an office based opioid treatment program to be licensed | Create interim study committee for appropriate regulation of OTP | Houchin, Crider, Grooms | Health and Provider Services | Smaltz | Public Health |
| https://iga.in.g | 401 | Left Pending in Committee | Health facility employee criminal background check | Requires a health facility to obtain a national criminal history background check or an expanded criminal history check for the health facility's employees. Provides immunity to persons for: denying or terminating an individual's employment because of the individual's criminal history | Requires an expanded criminal background check | Breaux | Health and Provider Services | | |
| https://iga.in.g | 408 | Withdrawn | Interstate medical licensure compact | Requires the medical licensing board of Indiana (board) to administer the interstate medical licensure compact | Enhances portability of medical license, may sacrifice sovereignty of state license administration/requirements/enforcement | Koch | Commerce and Technology | | |
| https://iga.in.g | 410 | Signed by Governor | Advanced practice registered nurses | Replaces the term "advanced practice nurse" with "advanced practice registered nurse" throughout the Indiana Code. Requires the Indiana state board of nursing to adopt rules concerning educational and certification requirements that an advanced practice registered nurse must meet to be authorized to prescribe drugs. | Changes IC from "Advanced Practice Nurse" to "Advanced Practice Registered Nurse." | Charbonneau, Brown, Leising | Health and Provider Services | Kirchhofer | Public Health |
| https://iga.in.g | 419 | Signed by Governor | Professional and occupational licenses | Provides that an individual who is authorized by the federal government to work in the United States is eligible for a professional or occupational license issued by a state agency or political subdivision if the individual meets all the requirements, other than the requirement under 8 USC 1621(a), to obtain or renew the professional or occupational license. | Allows individuals to obtain a professional license if they are authorized by the federal govt. to work in U.S. | Doriot | Commerce and Technology | Morris | Government and Regulatory Reform |

House Bills in 2018 Legislative Session with Implications for the Health Workforce

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| https://iga.in.gov/legislative/2018/bills/house/1002#digest-heading | 1002 | Signed by Governor | Workforce funding and programs | Requires an annual workforce related program review by the legislative services agency. | Requires review/analysis of workforce programs | Huston | Ways and Means | Eckerty, Mishler, Bassler | Appropriations |
| https://iga.in.gov/legislative/2018/bills/house/1007#digest-heading | 1007 | Signed by Governor | Mental health access | Requires OMPP to implement centralized credentials verification process; DMHA may approve up to 9 more OTPs if deemed necessary; DMHA to create best practice guidelines for employers with employees who failed a drug screening; allows mental health licensing board to issue temporary permits for master's level counselors | Streamlines process for credentialing of Medicaid providers | Kirchhofer | Public Health | Head, Charbonneau | Health and Provider Services |
| https://iga.in.gov/legislative/2018/bills/house/1059 | 1059 | Left Pending in Committee | Professional licensing agency | Removes references in behavioral health and human services licensing law to certified health care professionals. | Specifies that the statutes concerning behavioral health and human services professionals may not be construed to limit addiction counseling performed by certain students, interns, and trainees studying in certain institutions | Bacon | Public Health | Becker, Charbonneau | Commerce and Technology |
| https://iga.in.gov/legislative/2018/bills/house/1074#document-89f92e49 | 1074 | Signed by Governor | Various higher education matters | Various topics. Of note, requires primary care physicians scholarship recipients to practice in primary care in Indiana for each class year in which they received a scholarship & allows CHE to collect interest on awarded amount if they fail to comply | requires primary care physicians scholarship recipients to practice in primary care in Indiana for each class year in which they received a scholarship & allows CHE to collect interest on awarded amount if they fail to comply | Sullivan | Education | Raatz, Kruse | Education and Career Development |
| https://iga.in.gov/legislative/2018/bills/house/1116 | 1116 | Signed by Governor | Dental hygienist access practice agreements | Allows a dental hygienist to practice dental hygiene in a location and without supervision under an access practice agreement with an access practice dentist | Allows dental hygienists to practice without direct supervision if they are working under a dentist with an access practice agreement | Frizzell | Public Health | Lesising, Charbonneau | Commerce and Technology |
| https://iga.in.gov/legislative/2018/bills/house/1119#digest-heading | 1119 | Signed by Governor | Physician order for scope of treatment and consent (POST) | Adds additional health occupations to definition of "health care provider" on POST form; amends priority for consent if an adult is incapacitated | Adds additional health occupations to definition of "health care provider" on POST form; amends priority for consent if an adult is incapacitated | Kirchhofer | Public Health | Crider | Health and Provider Services |
| https://iga.in.gov/legislative/2018/bills/house/1130 | 1130 | Signed by Governor | Professional licensing agency matters | Amends provisions regarding the dietitian, hearing aid dealer, massage therapist, medical, pharmacist, and podiatrist licenses | Amends requirements/guidelines for professional licensing for a number of professions | Zent | Employment, Labor, and Pensions | Messmer | Commerce and Technology |
| https://iga.in.gov/legislative/2018/bills/house/1131 | 1131 | Left Pending in Committee | Opiate risk information | Provides that before issuing an initial prescription for an opiate, a practitioner shall specifically discuss with the patient who is at least 18 years of age or the patient's parent or guardian certain information concerning opiates. | Creates guidelines to to inform patients of their medications | Davisson | Public Health | | |

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| https://iga.in.gov/legislative/2018/bills/house/1133 | 1133 | Left Pending in Committee | Addiction treatment teams and Medicaid | Establishes Medicaid reimbursement, including reimbursement under the healthy Indiana plan, for addiction treatment teams | Creates reimbursement opportunities for addiction treatment teams | Davisson | Public Health | | |
| https://iga.in.gov/legislative/2018/bills/house/1134 | 1134 | Left Pending in Committee | Drug addiction workforce recovery program | Requires the division of mental health and addiction to establish a drug addiction workforce recovery program | Established drug addiction workforce recovery program, could help in drug addiction recovery in patients | Davisson | Employment, Labor, and Pensions, Ways and Means | | |
| https://iga.in.gov/legislative/2018/bills/house/1153 | 1153 | Left Pending in Committee | Interstate medical licensure compact | Requires the medical licensing board of Indiana (board) to administer the interstate medical licensure compact | Enhances portability of medical license, may sacrifice sovereignty of state license administration/requirements/enforcement | Ziemke | Public Health | | |
| https://iga.in.gov/legislative/2018/bills/house/1175#document-a1e38dfd | 1175 | Signed by Governor | Diabetes reporting | Establishes workgroup (collaboration between ISDH & FSSA) to develop strategic plan for governor and IGA to address diabetes | strategic plan will likely contain implications for health workforce | Summers | Public Health | Becker, Breaux | Health and Provider Services |
| https://iga.in.gov/legislative/2018/bills/house/1180 | 1180 | Signed by Governor | EMT use of injectable medications | Requires the emergency medical services commission to establish training and certification standards for the administration of epinephrine through a prefilled syringe and a syringe and ampule by an emergency medical technician | Requires EMS commission to create training/cert. standards for epinephrine administration by an EMT | Mahan | Public Health | Holdman, Charbonneau, Taylor G | Health and Provider Services |
| https://iga.in.gov/legislative/2018/bills/house/1192 | 1192 | Left Pending in Committee | Maternal mortality review committee | Requires the state department of health to establish a statewide maternal mortality review committee and sets forth membership and duties of the committee | Established committee to review maternal mortality as one unified body | Engleman | Public Health | | |
| https://iga.in.gov/legislative/2018/bills/house/1196 | 1196 | Left Pending in Committee | Provider diagnostic information release | Requires a health care provider, upon the request of a patient or the patient's designee, to provide the diagnostic billing code and procedural billing code for each diagnosis and health care procedure rendered to the patient | Creates cost transparency | Speedy | Public Health | | |
| https://iga.in.gov/legislative/2018/bills/house/1220#digest-heading | 1220 | Signed by Governor | FSSA Matters | Includes representative from INARF on Medicaid Advisory Committee | Includes representative from INARF on Medicaid Advisory Committee | Kirchhofer | Public Health | Charbonneau | Family and Children Services |
| https://iga.in.gov/legislative/2018/bills/house/1245#digest-heading | 1245 | Signed by Governor | Occupational Licensing | State and local govt. must explicitly list crimes that disqualify an individual from receiving an occupational license, crimes must directly relate to the license, limits period of disqualification in some instances. | State and local govt. must explicitly list crimes that disqualify an individual from receiving an occupational license, crimes must directly relate to the license, limits period of disqualification in some instances. | DeVon | Employment, Labor, and Pensions | Boots, Brown L | Pensions and Labor |
| https://iga.in.gov/legislative/2018/bills/house/1273 | 1273 | Left Pending in Committee | CBD oil for medical treatment | Exempts a physician from criminal penalties for possession or delivery of CBD oil and paraphernalia if the physician possessed or delivered the CBD oil or paraphernalia in connection with the treatment of a patient | Allows physician to treat patient with CBD oil/paraphernalia in connection with the treatment without repercussions | Goodin | Courts and Criminal Code | | |
| https://iga.in.gov/legislative/2018/bills/house/1287 | 1287 | Signed by Governor | Newborn Screenings | Establishes when a blood sample must be taken from a newborn infant for testing. | Requires physicians to enact these updates. | VanNatter | Public Health | Charbonneau | Health and Provider Services |

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| https://iga.in.gov/legislative/2018/bills/house/1317#digest-heading | 1317 | Signed by Governor | Health matters | Various topics. Of note, studies created for 1) reimbursement for early intervention services, 2) reimbursement methodology for case management services r/t Medicaid family support and community integration/habilitation waiver. Also emergency rules for implementation of telepharmacy. Study urged r/t nurse licensure compacts. | Various implications r/t results of studies (esp. nurse licensure compact) | Clere | Public Health | Becker, Charbonneau, Grooms | Health and Provider Services, Appropriations |
| https://iga.in.gov/legislative/2018/bills/house/1382#document-804480cf | 1382 | Signed by Governor | Study of pharmacy deserts | Urges legislative council to assign a study committee concerning pharmacy deserts | Implications for pharmacists | Brown C | Family, Children, and Human Affairs | Ruckelshaus, Melton | Family and Children Services |
| https://iga.in.gov/legislative/2018/bills/house/1384#digest-heading | 1384 | Signed by Governor | Chiropractors | Amends definition of practice for chiropractors | Amends definition of practice for chiropractors | Beumer | Employment, Labor, and Pensions | Messmer | Commerce and Technology |