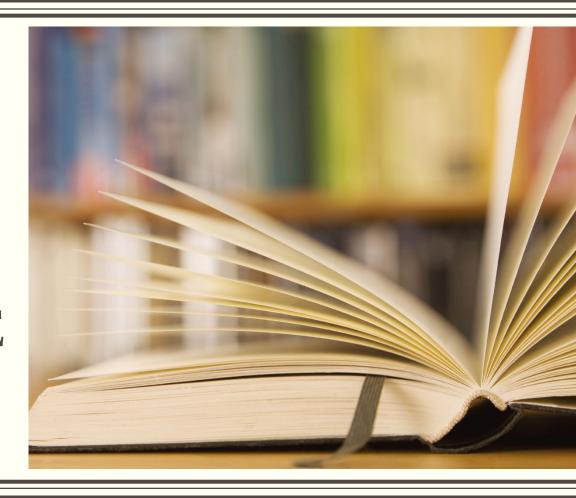
2023 LEGISLATIVE SESSION & STATE/FEDERAL REGULATION UPDATE

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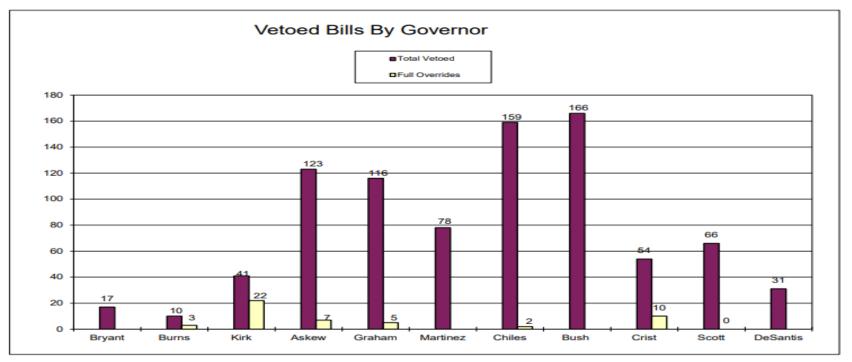
■ The Florida Session began on Tuesday March 7 and concluded on Friday May 5th.

Statistics	Count
Bills	1,873
Texts	3,410
Amendments	2,674
Actions	17,412
Votes	3,229
Enrolled Bills	356 (19% of the bills introduced passed and were sent to the governor for signature)

- * Texts include As Filed and any version of a measure that incorporates adopted committee or floor amendments. (C1, E1, ER, etc)
- ** The Enrolled Bill Category has been broken into three separate sections: Bills Passed & Awaiting Presentation, Bills Presented to the Governor, and Bills Signed into Law.

Historical view of Governor Vetoed bills

Governor	Term	Total Vetoed	Full Overrides
Bryant	1961-65	17	0
Burns	1965-67	10	3
Kirk	1967-71	41	22
Askew	1971-79	123	7
Graham	1979-87	116	5
Martinez	1987-91	78	0
Chiles	1991-98	159	2
Bush	1999-2007	166	0
Crist	2007-2011	54	10
Scott	2011-2019	66	0
DeSantis	2019-2023	31	0



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Eyeball wars again: Passidomo is the driving force behind legislation that spells out in statutes which can be called a physician. SB 230 essentially bans anyone but medical doctors and osteopathic physicians, chiropractors, dentists and podiatrists from being called physicians. The House counterpart (HB 583) does the same but also allows optometrists to use the terms "optometric physician" and "doctor of optometry." House Health and Human Services Committee Chairman Rep. Randy Fine tried to derail Passidomo's priority bill earlier this month by supporting an amendment to the House bill that would have deepened the divide between the two proposals by adding acupuncturists to the list of professionals who could describe themselves as physicians and doctors.

2023 Florida Legislature Regular Session Report

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	SENATE BILLS	FILED

SENATE BILLS	FILED	PASSED SENATE	PASSED BOTH CHAMBERS
CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS	3	1	1
RESOLUTIONS(ONE CHAMBER)	21	15	0
GENERAL BILLS	864	183	149
LOCAL BILLS	7	5	5
JOINT RESOLUTIONS	7	0	0
MEMORIALS	7	5	5
TOTALS	909	209	160 *

HOUSE BILLS	FILED	PASSED HOUSE	PASSED BOTH CHAMBERS
CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS	3	0	0
RESOLUTIONS(ONE CHAMBER)	44	42	0
GENERAL BILLS	815	202	171
LOCAL BILLS	35	23	23
JOINT RESOLUTIONS	7	5	2
MEMORIALS	15	1	0
APPROPRIATIONS PROJECTS	0	0	0
TOTALS	919	273	196*

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				GOV. ACT	ACT DATE
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S 00034 Approved By	Governor	Reviser's/General Bill	03/22/2023	03/29/2023	03/24/2023
S 00036 Approved By	Governor	Reviser's/General Bill	03/22/2023	03/29/2023	03/24/2023
S 00038 Approved By	Governor	Reviser's/General Bill	03/22/2023	03/29/2023	03/24/2023
S 00040 Approved By	Governor	General Bill	03/22/2023	03/29/2023	03/24/2023
S 00042 Approved By	Governor	Reviser's/General Bill	03/22/2023	03/29/2023	03/24/2023
S 00044 Approved By	Governor	Reviser's/General Bill	03/22/2023	03/29/2023	03/24/2023
S 00102 Approved By	Governor	General Bill/CS	03/28/2023	04/04/2023	03/29/2023
S 00106 Approved By	Governor	General Bill/CS	04/11/2023	04/18/2023	04/11/2023
S 00258 Pending in G	ov Office	General Bill/CS	05/08/2023	05/23/2023	
S 00264 Pending in G	ov Office	General Bill/CS	05/08/2023	05/23/2023	
S 00300 Approved By	Governor	General Bill	04/13/2023	04/20/2023	04/13/2023
S 00360 Approved By	Governor	General Bill/CS	04/13/2023	04/20/2023	04/13/2023
S 00450 Approved By	Governor	General Bill/CS	04/20/2023	04/27/2023	04/20/2023
S 00846 Pending in G	ov Office	General Bill/CS	05/08/2023	05/23/2023	
S 01280 Filed With S	ec of State	Concurrent Resolution			
S 01550 Approved By	Governor	General Bill/CS	05/03/2023	05/18/2023	05/03/2023
S 01552 Approved By	Governor	Public Records/General Bill/CS	05/03/2023	05/18/2023	05/03/2023
S 01604 Approved By	Governor	General Bill/CS	05/05/2023	05/20/2023	05/05/2023

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FLORIDA STATUTE CHAPTER 461

- SB 230 Health Care Practitioner Titles and Designations; Providing that, for specified purposes, the use of specified titles or designations in connection with one's name constitutes the practice of medicine or the practice of osteopathic medicine; revising grounds for disciplinary action relating to a practitioner's use of such titles or designations in identifying himself or herself to patients or in advertisements for health care services; requiring certain health care practitioners to prominently display a copy of their license in a conspicuous area of their practice, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2023
- 139 (d) A podiatric physician licensed under chapter 461 may
- 140 use the following titles and abbreviations as applicable to his
- or her license, specialty, and certification: "podiatric
- 142 physician," "podiatric surgeon," "Fellow in the American College
- of Foot and Ankle Surgeons," and other titles or abbreviations
- 144 authorized under his or her practice act.

BOARD OF PODIATRIC MEDICINE REGULATORY UPDATE

*Current licenses expire at midnight, Eastern Time, on March 31, 2024.

*Total of 40 CE hours

Continuing Education (CE) Requirements

general hours required.

General Hours 36 Medical Error 2 Laws and Rules Risk Management Safe and Effective Prescribing of Controlled Substances Course 2 As of July 1, 2021, per s.461.007(3), F.S., required for all Podiatric Physicians to complete for each renewal. The 2-hour course is included within the 36 total general hours required. Human Trafficking Per s. 64B18-17.001(8), F.A.C., each licensee or certificate holder shall complete a 1-hour board-approved continuing education course on human trafficking. The one-time human trafficking course shall apply to all licensees and is required of new applicants in their first renewal biennium, as well as, of licensees renewing to active status if the course has not already been taken. The 1-hour course is included in the 36 total

HIV/AIDS 1 No later than upon first renewal, all licensees must demonstrate completion of a continuing education course approved by the Board on the topic of HIV/AIDS. The 1-hour course is included in the 36 total general hours required.

64B18-17.001 Continuing Education Required for License Renewal.

- (2) All licensees who seek to renew the active status of their licensure must demonstrate that they have completed, during the previous two years, at least forty (40) hours of continuing education.
- (a) Within each license renewal biennium, a licensed podiatric physician shall complete a minimum of 32 hours via live in-person, or live interactive virtual events of professional continuing education, according to the criteria set forth in these rules. A maximum of 8 hours of continuing professional education may be earned from courses involving home study or anytime courses.

64B18-17.005 Continuing Education Requirements After Initial Licensure.

Within 24 months of initial licensure, practitioners are required to obtain five (5) hours of continuing education in the subject area of risk management which may be obtained by attending one full day of a meeting of the Board of Podiatric Medicine at which disciplinary hearings are conducted. The practitioner is then exempt from any other continuing education requirements for his or her first renewal except for a 1-hour course on human trafficking and the hours mandated for prevention of medical errors and HIV/AIDS.

FEDERAL REGULATION UPDATE

DEA Registered-Practitioners

DEA Warning: Scammers Impersonating DEA Agents Victims losing money, personally identifiable information

https://www.dea.gov/press-releases/2021/03/03/dea-warning-scammers-impersonating-dea-agents-0

DEA personnel will never contact members of the public or medical practitioners by telephone to demand money or any other form of payment, will never request personal or sensitive information over the phone, and will only notify people of a legitimate investigation or legal action in person or by official letter. In fact, no legitimate federal law enforcement officer will demand cash or gift cards from a member of the public. You should only give money, gift cards, personally identifiable information, including bank account information, to someone you know.

DEA Warning: Scammers Impersonating DEA Agents Victims losing money, personally identifiable information

https://consumer.ftc.gov/consumer-alerts/2021/03/drug-enforcement-administration-isnt-calling

- Here's what you need to know:
- The DEA will never call and ask for your SSN or other personal information. It won't ask you to pay anything. And it won't call to say you're under investigation or threaten you with arrest.
- Your caller ID might show a real DEA phone number, but that's not the real DEA calling. Computers make it easy to show any number on caller ID. Don't trust what you see there.
- Never give your SSN to anyone who contacts you. Don't confirm the last 4 digits. And don't give a bank account or credit card number ever to anybody who contacts you asking for it.
- Anyone who tells you to wire money, pay with a gift card, or send cash or cryptocurrency is a scammer. Always. No matter who they say they are.

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Federal Telemedicine Rules Summary

For three years now, the expansion of telehealth has made care more accessible for many people, especially those in rural areas. Patients have been able to receive prescriptions from providers without seeing them in person. But that will change come May 11 when the federal government is set to end the Covid-19 public health emergency declaration that made this convenience possible.

Before the pandemic, medical practitioners were subject to the conditions of the Ryan Haight Act, which required at least one in-person examination before prescribing a controlled medicine, said Dr. Shabana Khan, chair of the American Psychiatric Association's Committee on Telepsychiatry.

Returning to pre-pandemic rules means people who were prescribed controlled medications via telehealth — such as stimulant medications for attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder, benzodiazepines for anxiety, or medications for opioid use disorder, sleep or pain — will need one in-person medical examination to continue these prescriptions or start new ones.

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To establish some flexibility in the telehealth framework moving forward, Khan said, the DEA has put forth proposals (PDF) that would allow telehealth practitioners to prescribe one 30-day supply of buprenorphine — a medication for opioid use disorder — or Schedule III-V non-narcotic controlled medications without doing an in-person examination first. A patient would have to do an in-person exam before the second prescription of either type of medication, according to those proposals.

In the proposed rule, the qualifying telemedicine referral may allow a patient to be seen by a local DEA-registered practitioner. So, for example, perhaps their primary care doctor or pediatrician — if they are DEA-registered — might be able to go through the qualifying telemedicine referral process so that they can see them in person and continue to be prescribed the medicine. Or patients can contact their health insurance provider to get a list of local referrals.

The DEA has indicated that the absolute requirement at the federal level is one in-person examination. Beyond that, it would be left to the discretion of whoever the patient is seeing.

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Relationship between prescribing medical practitioner and patient	Prescribing a non-controlled medication	Prescribing Schedule III, IV, or V non-narcotic controlled medications	Prescribing buprenorphine as medication for opioid use disorder	Prescribing Schedule II and/or narcotic controlled medications
Prior in-person medical evaluation by prescribing medical practitioner	Permitted	Permitted	Permitted	Permitted
Referral under the proposed rules from medical practitioner who conducted prior in-person medical evaluation	Permitted	Permitted	Permitted	Permitted
Telehealth visit without: Prior in-person medical evaluation by prescribing medical practitioner; or Referral from a medical practitioner who conducted prior in-person medical evaluation	Permitted	 Up to 30-day initial prescription In-person visit required for additional prescription 	 Up to 30-day initial prescription In-person visit required for additional prescription 	Not permitted

• Telemedicine prescriptions must be otherwise consistent with applicable state and federal laws.



DEA Registered-Practitioners

Dear Registrants:

On December 29, 2022, the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2023 enacted a new one-time, eight-hour training requirement for all Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA)-registered practitioners on the treatment and management of patients with opioid or other substance use disorders. Below is information on this new requirement.

Who is responsible for satisfying this new training requirement?

· All DEA-registered practitioners, with the exception of practitioners that are solely veterinarians.

How will practitioners be asked to report satisfying this new training requirement?

· Beginning on June 27, 2023, practitioners will be required to check a box on their online DEA registration form—regardless of whether a registrant is completing their initial registration application or renewing their registration—affirming that they have completed the new training requirement.

What is the deadline for satisfying this new training requirement?

- · The deadline for satisfying this new training requirement is the date of a practitioner's next scheduled DEA registration submission—regardless of whether it is an initial registration or a renewal registration—on or after June 27, 2023.
- · This one-time training requirement affirmation will not be a part of future registration renewals.

How can practitioners satisfy this new training requirement?

There are multiple ways that practitioners can satisfy this new training requirement.

- · First, the following groups of practitioners are deemed to have satisfied this training:
- 1. Group 1: All practitioners that are board certified in addiction medicine or addiction psychiatry from the American Board of Medical Specialties, the American Board of Addiction Medicine, or the American Osteopathic Association.
- 2. Group 2: All practitioners that graduated in good standing from a medical (allopathic or osteopathic), dental, physician assistant, or advanced practice nursing school in the United States within five years of June 27, 2023, and successfully completed a comprehensive curriculum that included at least eight hours of training on:

Treating and managing patients with opioid or other substance use disorders, including the appropriate clinical use of all drugs approved by the Food and Drug Administration for the treatment of a substance use disorder;

or

Safe pharmacological management of dental pain and screening, brief intervention, and referral for appropriate treatment of patients with or at risk of developing opioid and other substance use disorders.



· Second, practitioners can satisfy this training by engaging in a total of eight hours of training on treatment and management of patients with opioid or other substance use disorders from the groups listed below.

A few key points related to this training:

- 1. The training does not have to occur in one session. It can be cumulative across multiple sessions that equal eight hours of training.
- 2. Past trainings on the treatment and management of patients with opioid or other substance use disorders can count towards a practitioner meeting this requirement. In other words, if you received a relevant training from one of the groups listed below—prior to the enactment of this new training obligation on December 29, 2022—that training counts towards the eight-hour requirement.
- 3. Past DATA-Waived trainings count towards a DEA registrant's 8-hour training requirement.
- 4. Trainings can occur in a variety of formats, including classroom settings, seminars at professional society meetings, or virtual offerings.

What accredited groups may provide trainings that meet this new requirement?

- The American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM)
- The American Academy of Addiction Psychiatry (AAAP)
- American Medical Association (AMA)
- · The American Osteopathic Association (AOA), or any organizations accredited by the AOA to provide continuing medical education
- The American Dental Association (ADA)
- · The American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons (AAOMS)
- The American Psychiatric Association (APA)
- The American Association of Nurse Practitioners (AANP)
- · The American Academy of Physician Associates (AAPA)
- The American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC)
- Any other organization accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (AACCME) or the Commission for Continuing Education Provider Recognition (CCEPR), whether directly or through an organization accredited by a State medical society that is recognized by the ACCME or CCEPR
- · Any other organization approved or accredited by the Assistant Secretary for Mental Health and Substance Use, the ACCME, or the CCEPR