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MONTHLY STATE TRACKER UPDATE

June 1, 2017

Special Session Season:

As we near the end of the 2017 regular legislative session for the majority of states, be mindful of “special sessions” where issues can be resurrected.

Special Session Watch:

- Alaska: Special session to consider the budget deficit.
- Missouri: Steel mill bill under consideration, but additional special sessions are likely.
- New Mexico: Special session to discuss the state’s budget in advance of the July 1 deadline.
- Washington: Second special session to address education spending as part of the state’s two-year budget negotiations. The new budget must be signed by June 30.
- West Virginia: Special session to address the budget and other issues.

Trending Now:

- Delaware: The AAO-HNS commented on legislation relating to updated licensing requirements for hearing aid dispensers, SLPs, and audiologists.
- Florida and South Carolina: The NP and APRN scope of practice expansion bills failed to advance.
- West Virginia: A Physician Assistants “collaboration” bill, which was vetoed by the Governor during the regular session, was re-introduced at his request for the state’s current special session. AAO-HNS opposes the elimination of physician supervision of PAs and sent a letter to the bill sponsor.

Definition of the Month:

- Special Session: A special session is a meeting of a legislature outside of typical, established meeting times. Such sessions must be “called” or “proclaimed” by the Governor and are convened to address unfinished business. For example, topics addressed can range from an entire state budget package to a single proposal on business licensure.

Thank you to those who joined our May conference call. If a June call is necessary, we will send a meeting notice mid-month. Otherwise, we will reconvene in December 2017 to prepare for the 2018 session. For those states with year-round sessions, please let us know if you require AAO-HNS action or assistance during the summer months.

Upcoming Dates:

- 6/2/2017: Kansas Adjourns
- 6/5/2017: Connecticut Adjourns
- 6/6/2017: Nevada Adjourns
- 6/8/2017: Louisiana Adjourns
- 6/9/2017: South Carolina Adjourns
- 6/14/2017: Maine Adjourns
- 6/30/2017: Delaware Adjourns
- 6/30/2017: New Hampshire Adjourns
- 6/30/2017: Rhode Island Adjourns