

## 2014 General Assembly

### Top Health and Welfare Bills of Interest

#### *Through Filing Deadlines*

This table shows selected bills filed in the 2014 General Assembly. It includes measures that would affect low-income people and communities and some that simply figure prominently in this year's legislative debates. An asterisk \* indicates bill pasted. Topics:

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Topic	Bill #	Sponsor	Summary
Budget	<a href="#">HB 235</a>	Rand	The Executive Branch Budget
Health	<a href="#">HB 73</a>	Richards	Require managed care plans to file copies of terms and conditions required of provider to participate in their network; details
Health	<a href="#">HB 98</a> *	Damron	Permit student self-treatment of diabetes in school; prohibit schools from preventing students from attending due to diabetes or seizure disorder
Health	<a href="#">HB 157</a> *	Wuchner	Require training on recognition and prevention of pediatric head trauma for health providers as part of continuing education
Health	<a href="#">HB 173</a>	Westrom	Statewide smoke free: prohibit smoking in public places and places of employment; details
Health	<a href="#">HB 256</a>	Palumbo	Require CHFS to create adult abuse registry; prohibit LTC provider from employing individual or volunteer whose name appears on registry; details
Health	<a href="#">HB 277</a>	J. Lee	Require CHFS to establish a National and State Background Check Program for prospective employees of LTC facilities and providers; details

Health	<a href="#">HB 286</a> *	Greer	Create technical advisory committee on pharmacy to Advisory Council for Medical Assistance, with 5 members appointed by KY Pharmacists Association
Health	<a href="#">HB 302</a>	Moore	Prohibit General Assembly from requiring any individual to participate in any health care system or plan, or imposing a penalty or fine; more
Health	<a href="#">HB 311</a>	D. Watkins	Require immunization against human papillomavirus for children entering 6 <sup>th</sup> grade; permit parents to withhold consent
Health	<a href="#">HB 361</a>	Stumbo	Establish Medicaid MCO enrollee's right to state fair hearing in appeals of MCO actions; require an MCO to state reason for action with specificity; more
Health	<a href="#">HB 362</a>	Stone	Prohibit health benefit plans from limiting out-of-network providers and covered services to those performed within the Commonwealth
Health	<a href="#">HB 395</a>	Wuchner	Permit patients with chronic illnesses, in consultation with their medical providers, to elect a day of the month to purchase all of their medications
Health	<a href="#">HB 499</a>	Richards	Require insurers offering Medicare supplement policies to offer them to individuals under 65 who are eligible for and enrolled in Medicare
Health	<a href="#">HB 505</a>	Burch	Reorganization: establish the Office of the Kentucky Health Benefit Exchange
Health	<a href="#">HB 549</a>	Graham	Require staff-to-resident ratios in long-term care facilities; set minimum requirements; prohibit admission of new residents if facility fails to comply
Health	<a href="#">SB 1</a>	Bowen	Constitutional amendment: permit General Assembly by general law to prohibit adoption of administrative regulations it has found to be deficient
Health	<a href="#">SB 5</a>	Stine	Heroin and controlled substances response: specify treatment options under Medicaid; increase availability of Naloxone; more
Health	<a href="#">SB 7</a> *	Hornback	APRN RX authority: create advisory committee of APRNs and physicians; allow APRNs to prescribe without CAPA-NS supervision after 4 years; details
Health	<a href="#">SB 30</a>	Denton	Allow student self treatment of diabetes in school; require schools to have 2 staff trained in diabetes responses; more
Health	<a href="#">SB 50</a>	Denton	Create process for District Courts to order outpatient mental health treatment; authorize 72-hour emergency admission for failure to comply; details
Health	<a href="#">SB 52</a>	Denton	Pilot program: permit health providers to charge a \$25 missed appointment fee for Medicaid patients; test in Jefferson and Lawrence Counties

Health	<a href="#">SB 73</a>	Buford	Establish requirements for pharmacy benefit managers to expedite the process of preauthorization of a non-formulary drug product
Health	<a href="#">SB 88</a>	Seum	Remove board of health ability to adopt regulations by transferring authority local legislative body; details
Health	<a href="#">SB 103</a> *	Denton	Diabetes: permit caregiver to administer or assist with self-administration of medication; require training and written authorization of health provider
Health	<a href="#">SB 117</a>	Denton	Statewide smoke free: prohibit smoking in public places and places of employment; details
Health	<a href="#">SB 119</a>	Denton	Medical review panels: establish system for use in civil litigation relating to health care providers
Health	<a href="#">SB 162</a>	Westerfield	Prevent filing of TPR if pregnant woman who used a controlled substance during pregnancy complies with substance abuse treatment and prenatal care; more
Health	<a href="#">SB 166</a>	Leeper	Establish enrollee's right to a state fair hearing to appeal an MCO's action relating to care received or proposed to be given to an enrollee; details
Health	<a href="#">SB 191</a>	Denton	Require that one Medicaid managed care organization shall provide medical care to foster children; details
Health	<a href="#">SCR 102</a> *	McGarvey	Direct LRC staff to study family care-giving and long-term supports and services in Kentucky
Public Assistance	<a href="#">HB 469</a>	Nelson	Require persons born after January 1, 1995, to have a high school diploma, GED, or equivalent to be eligible for public assistance payments
Public Assistance	<a href="#">HB 554</a>	Shell	Establish a graduated earnings disregard program to incentivize public assistance recipients to seek employment
Public Assistance	<a href="#">HB 555</a>	Shell	Require photo IDs on all welfare benefit cards; details
Public Assistance	<a href="#">HB 556</a>	Shell	Implement substance abuse screening program for applicants and recipients of public assistance with history of felony or misdemeanor substance abuse
Public Assistance	<a href="#">HB 563</a>	S. Lee	Limit purchases with public assistance benefits; to the extent allowed by federal law, require persons in violation to reimburse the cabinet; details

Public Assistance	<a href="#">SB 46</a>	Westerfield	Limit purchases with public assistance benefits; permit protective payee for violators; prohibit retail establishments from accepting certain payments
Utilities	<a href="#">HB 485</a>	Hall	Require PSC to establish additional utility service shut-off and reconnection protections for hardship situations; notice requirements; more
Utilities	<a href="#">SB 99</a>	Hornback	“ATT bill:” end PSC authority over phone exchanges with 15K+ housing units; reduce obligation to provide basic local exchange (wireline); more