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LEGISLATIVE REPORT AND UPDATE PSSNY Midwinter, 2007

Changing political landscape

Governor Spitzer – new person, new party, new administration

State of the State Message

Ethics reform, more open, more functional state government

Campaign finance reform, lower contribution
limits, enact public campaign financing

Local government reform, regionalization

Budget reform, transparency, public authorities

Economic revitalization, innovation economy, two centers for
economic development, one upstate,
one downstate

Stem Cell and Innovation: Lt. Governor's task

Education reform, begin at 4 yrs. old, raise cap on charter
schools, access to higher education

Reduce cost structure, Wicks Law and Workers Comp

Property tax cuts

Health care reform, Berger commission, more home-based care,
fight Medicaid fraud, reduce number of uninsured, better
management of high-cost patients, reduce cost of expensive
drugs by negotiating with manufacturers and chains

Lt. Governor David Paterson – Stem Cell and Innovation Economy

Attorney General Andrew Cuomo – scrutinize legislative “member item”

Spending, new alliance with Albany County DA

State Comptroller – Joint legislative committee formed to recommend candidates

Health Policy Director: Dennis Whalen, assisted by Joe Baker

Medicaid Director: Debra Bachrach

Assembly Democrat majority, growing; Speaker Silver re-elected
Republican leader James Tedisco

Senate Republican majority (by 2); Special Election, Sen. Bruno re-elected
Democrat leader Malcolm Smith

Budget

Must be proposed by February 1; executive amendments by March 1;
Fiscal year starts April 1

Anticipation

Meetings throughout January with Budget, Gov. staff, Medicaid officials,
Senate and Assembly fiscal staff to discuss impact of DRA

Materials: NCPA and NACDS analysis; results of cost of dispensing
surveys are coming soon

Message: Need adjustment in fee to compensate for DRA reductions in
the state budget

Overall Message

Pharmacy as a sector of the economy;

View community pharmacies as healthcare infrastructure contributing to
overall goals of better management of chronically ill, more
community-based care, pandemic planning;

View pharmacists as very valuable; expand perception of the
pharmacist; need to expand scope of practice; be alarmed about
pharmacist shortage

PSSNY Legislative Agenda

Budget issues

Legislation to guarantee local option in prescription benefit plans

Grannis- Volker	Amends Insurance law
Nolan	Amends Labor Law
Colton	Amends both Insurance and Labor laws

Other legislation not in order of priority

Expand Scope of Practice	Immunizer	Paulin
	CDTM	LaValle-Canestrari

Remove CE mandate exemption for new licensees

Any Willing Pharmacy Maziarz

PBM transparency

New opportunities

Reduce Medicaid co-payment on PDL preferred drugs to \$1
Medication Compliance Programs in Medicaid to respond to new
Interest in managing complex regimens/patients/outliers

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