

**April Legislative Report  
To the Board of Directors  
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1. State Budget. At a stalemate. Both Governor and House have submitted new revisions but neither party has accepted the proposals. There is a possibility of a Government "shutdown" if a timely decision is not made soon. The full Senate does not reconvene until April 7.

2. Medicaid Expansion. Another stalemate. Major ideological differences exist between the Governor/Senate and the House. Several proposals have been offered as a compromise to the Federal Plan but so far all have been rejected. Whatever is decided here will probably have an impact on a large number of our citizens.

3. Delegate Yost and Medicaid Expansion. This is a very important subject for him and he sent out an extensive survey to those on his mailing list to get input. If you did not receive a copy you can still participate by calling his office (540-922-8032 or 804-698-1012) or visit <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/vamedicaidexpansion>.

4. Medicare Patients. Fees paid to your attending physicians were scheduled to be reduced by double digit amounts in the next few months. However, the U. S. Congress has pending legislation which if approved would reduce this percentage significantly thereby helping to prevent costs being passed on to the individual.

5. Health care bills and your credit rating. Sometimes these bills even though not your responsibility are not paid on a timely basis. These unpaid bills are sometimes reported quickly to credit agencies and could affect your credit score. Currently half of all accounts reported to credit agencies now come from medical bills. And health care bills are now the largest source of business for collection companies. Be as vigilant with these bills as you are with other major bills.