

DCMA-FMA Tallahassee Update 5-03-05 Week 9/9

2005 Legislative Session ends this Friday, May 6 with accomplishment of our main goals:

Mandatory Med Mal Insurance

- Defeated – expected back next year

Amendment 8 – “3 Strikes”

- Bd. of Med. determines ‘strike’; gross/repeated malpractice; clear/convincing evidence; w/i last 10 yrs; \$50K+; not retroactive.
- Awaiting Bush’s signature

Amendment 7 – “Peer Review”

- Peer review stays privileged; patients may access info on own care/procedure; not retroactive.
- Awaiting Bush’s signature

Amendment 3 – “Attorney Fees”

- Remained self-implementing - effective since 11/2 Election
- Advised FL Supreme Court of attorney ‘waiver’ attempts to deprive patients of their new constitutional right

Naturopath Licensing

- Defeated – expected back next year
- Would allow ‘naturopaths’ to practice medicine/perform surgery

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