

2024 Legislative Session - Just Around the Corner

The 2024 Legislative Session is fast approaching and will begin on Wednesday, January 3, 2024. Our MHCA legislative agenda will be tough as we will not only be working to attempt to secure additional funding for a rebase of our SNF Medicaid rate, we will also be fighting to renew the sunset on the Federal Reimbursements Taxes (FRA) otherwise known as the provider tax. As you will recall, the last time the FRA sunset, the legislature held the renewal of this vital funding program hostage to a completely unrelated abortion issue and failed to renew the sunset of the 4 programs (hospitals, nursing homes, pharmacy and emergency services). We were forced into a special session to renew the sunset. We fully expect the bill will be held hostage to unrelated legislation. It is our hope the legislature will take this issues up early this session as the FRA program is responsible for over \$3.3 billion dollars to the Medicaid program as a whole and approximately 40% of our SNF Medicaid rate.

In addition to the reimbursement related issues, we will have several policy issues we will either be supporting or opposing. As bills begin to be filed, we will have a better idea of what those issues are and how they impact the long-term care industry. Bill pre-filing begins on December 1, 2023.