

January 10, 2020

The 2020 Georgia Legislative Session begins Monday, January 13th.

Happy New Year! The 2020 Legislative Session will convene at 10:00am Monday, January 13, 2020.

Contact your legislators! It makes a difference if you contact your Representatives and Senators early in the session. Discuss the issues that are important to your practice, your patients, and your community. The 40-day legislative session marks the second session of the two-year legislative cycle. We anticipate action on the following issues:

- Behavioral Health Commission
- Insurance Reform
- Tort Reform
- Scope of Practice Issues
- Out-of-Network Billing
- Conversion Therapy Prohibition
- Gender Reassignment

Mental Health Parity

As a reminder, there will be special attention given to the <u>Governor's Budget Cuts</u> to cut wasteful spending and streamline operations. We will closely monitor the State Departments adjusted 2020 Budget and proposed 2021 Budget Cuts as we move through the session.

To find any bill, go to www.legis.ga.gov and use the search box at the top left of the page. There is also an advanced search option that allows you to find bills by keyword or sponsor.

Check out pre-filed bills.

House Pre-filed Senate Pre-filed

Watch the General Assembly LIVE! Each day that the General Assembly is in session, you can watch the proceedings live via the internet at: http://www.legis.state.ga.us/. Click the Live Broadcast option. You can also watch the *Prime Time Lawmakers* daily broadcast on Georgia Public Broadcasting each evening the General Assembly is in session.

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