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LEGISLATIVE TALKING POINTS

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House Bill 1380 Tobacco Product Purchasing Age **Primary Sponsors: Representatives Charlie Brown,Cindy Kirchhofer, Ronald Bacon** **Status: Passed House Comm. on Public Health, Referred to House Comm. on Ways & Means**	Support House Bill 1380. The Indiana Chapter-ACC recommends improving Indiana's health metrics for the sake of Hoosier lives and our state's economy by raising the smoking age.	This bill WILL call for: • Raising the age of purchase from 18 to 21 for all tobacco products. One in five Hoosiers smokes, and tobacco use costs Indiana $6 billion annually in health care expenses and lost productivity. Tobacco-related illness is also the leading cause of preventable death for Hoosiers. We can do better.
Senate Bill 232 Access to Nutritious Food Program **Primary Sponsors: Sens. John Ruckelshaus, Mike Bohacek, Mark Stoops** **Status: Passed Sen. & House Comm. on Family, Children & Human Aff; Referred to House Comm. on Ways & Means**	Support Senate Bill 232. Throughout Indiana, there are areas where Hoosiers do not have access to healthy foods, and SB 232 is an important first step toward the goal of ensuring that all Hoosiers have access to healthy & affordable food. If passed, the Indiana Healthy Food Access Coalition looks forward to continuing to work with the Lt. Governor and the IN Housing and Community Development Authority to convene stakeholders to share best practices, and ultimately create an effective program to expand food access in our state.	• Limited access to healthy, affordable foods results in disproportionately higher rates of obesity, diabetes, heart disease and other diet-related health problems. • In recent years, Healthy Food Financing Initiatives have proliferated around the country as a tool for state and local governments to bring new supermarkets and grocery stores to low-income, underserved communities. • The benefits of a robust healthy food financing policy are plentiful. It will improve public health, has potential to lower healthcare costs, creates new markets for local farmers and provides support to local grocers to open, expand and improve their stores.

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HB 1143 **Prior Authorization** **Primary Sponsors: Reps. Donna Schaibley, Martin Carbaugh, Terri Jo Austin, Matt Lehman, Sen. Liz Brown.** **Status: Passed House, Passed Sen. Comm. on Insurance & Fin. Institutions**	Support HB 1143. The Indiana-ACC supports efforts to simplify and expedite the process of obtaining prior authorization, reduce much of the associated hassles and burdens for all parties involved, and improve patient access to critical treatments and procedures.	This legislation specifies requirements for prior authorization of health plan coverage and claim payment, including provisions requiring electronic transmission of prior authorization requests and responses or, in certain circumstances, use of a standard prior authorization form established by the Department of Insurance.
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