A Federal and State Policy Update

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FL Election Status

Governor
Ron DeSantis  4,072,796  49.6%
Andrew Gillum  4,036,585  49.2%

U.S. Senate
Rick Scott  4,094,766  50.1%
Bill Nelson  4,079,692  49.9%

Commissioner of Agriculture
Matt Caldwell and Nikki Fried
• Thursday afternoon there were 575 votes between the two and as of 9 p.m., it was 2,910 votes with Caldwell ahead.
Gov. Rick Scott is suing to stop Sen. Bill Nelson from winning the recount.

“Every Floridian should be concerned there may be rampant fraud happening in Palm Beach and Broward counties,” Scott said.

“I will not sit idly by while unethical liberals try to steal this election from the people of Florida.”

Broward ballot design questioned
Transition Team – FL Governor

Florida Governor-Elect Ron DeSantis rolled out his transition team chairs.

- U.S. Congressman **Matt Gaetz**
- Outgoing House Speaker **Richard Corcoran**
- **George LeMieux**, who served as a U.S. Senator from 2009 through 2011
- **Toni Jennings**, a former Senate president who served as Lt. Gov for Jeb Bush
- DeSantis campaign chair, **Susie Wiles**, will serve as Executive Director.
- Former Chief of Staff, **Scott Parkinson**, will join the team as Deputy Executive Director.
What is Next?

• Open enrollment
• New FL Administration
• 2019 Legislative session

Issues:
• Insurance barriers
  Coverage changes
  Co-pay accumulators
  Cost
  Mail order
• Appropriations
• Changes in leadership
• Criminalization
• Syringe expansion
2019 Legislative Session

- **November 20, 2018**
  Legislature Organization Session (Art. III 3(a), Fla. Const.)

- **December-February TBD**
  Interim Legislative Committee Meetings

- **January 8, 2019**
  Florida’s Inauguration Ceremony

- **January 25, 2019**
  Deadline for submitting requests for drafts of general bills and joint resolutions

- **March 1, 2019**
  Deadline for approving final drafts of general bills and joint resolutions, including companion bills (Senate)

- **March 5, 2019**
  Regular Session convenes (Art. III 3(b), Fla. Const.) noon; deadline for filing bills for introduction (Senate Rule 3.7(1))
2019 Legislative Session

• April 23, 2019
  50th day – Last day for regularly scheduled committee meetings (Senate Rule 2.9(2))

• April 28, 2019
  55th day – No House bills on second reading may be taken up and considered by the House (House Rule 10.18)

• May 1, 2019
  58th day – The House may consider only: (a) returning messages, (b) conference reports, and (c) concurrent resolutions (House Rule 10.09)

• May 3, 2019
  60th day – Last day of Regular Session (Art. III, 3(d), Fla. Const.)
Federal Issues

- Presidential Advisory Council on HIV/AIDS
- Opioids
- Changes to Ryan White
- CDC focus
- Appropriations (Dec 7th)
- Federal plan to end AIDS
- Educate new Congressional members
- Drug pricing / 340b
Handouts

• Florida election results
• ABAC Chart
• Community Letters to Congress
• Florida Plan Review
Thank you!