

Universal Lead Testing Approved, Firearm Restrictions Considered, Reproductive Health Act in Limbo

Another week of fall legislative activity continues as committee meetings remain active.

Universal lead testing for children gained approval from the legislature last week. [Senate Bill 31](#) and [House Bill 4200](#)

now await Gov. Gretchen Whitmer's signature in the final legislative step. MAFP and other stakeholders worked with bill sponsors to align testing intervals and reporting requirements with those already in existence for Medicaid, which reduces any increase in administrative burdens.

[House bills 4945 and 4946](#) and [Senate bills 471 and 472](#) are duplicate legislative packages that would prevent those convicted of domestic violence from purchasing or possessing a firearm. The House Criminal Justice Committee heard testimony on the bills earlier this week, and is expected to pass the legislation next week.

The fate of the Reproductive Health Act remains unknown after a "no" vote in committee from a Democratic committee member. While part of the package advanced out of committee, the bills have not been brought before the full House. This 12-bill package, backed by the Democratic party, seeks to continue updating reproductive healthcare laws following the adoption of Proposal 3 last November.