

Proposed Venue Rule Change — Legislative Contacts

On Dec. 22, 2018, the Civil Procedural Rules Committee published a proposed rule change in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*. This proposed change would revise the venue rule (the county in which a case may be filed) for medical liability cases.

The Pennsylvania Supreme Court has agreed to accept the recommendations of Senate Resolution (SR) 20, which calls for a measured approach to any future changes to rules governing venue in medical liability actions. The report will be issued by the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee (LBFC).

The Fight Isn't Over - It's Still Vital for Physicians to Voice Opposition to Venue Rule Changes

The Pennsylvania Medical Society (PAMED) has mobilized a movement through stakeholder involvement to flood the committee with comments. While there is no legislative fix to this issue, all physicians are encouraged to meet with their state legislators to discuss how the proposed venue rule would affect medicine and specifically their practice. Personal stories will help to keep this issue front of mind for legislators while the LBFC drafts their report to the Pennsylvania Supreme Court.

To find your local legislator, visit cqrcengage.com/pamed/Lookup.

Senate and House Schedules

Here are the scheduled session days for the Pennsylvania Senate and House of Representatives – meaning the days they are in Harrisburg at the Capitol. During the days not listed, they are likely to be in their district offices – a great opportunity for a local meeting on this issue in their home districts.

2019 Senate Session Schedule

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| January | 1, 15, 16, 28, 29, 30 |
| February | 4, 5, 6 |
| March | 18, 19, 20, 25, 26, 27 |
| April | 8, 9, 10, 29, 30 |
| May | 1, 6, 7, 8 |
| June | 3, 4, 5, 10, 11, 12, 17, 18, 19, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28 |

2019 House Session Schedule

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| January | 1, 15, 16, 28, 29, 30 |
| February | 4, 5, 6, 19, 20, 21 |
| March | 11, 12, 13, 18, 19, 20, 25, 26, 27 |
| April | 8, 9, 10, 15, 16, 17, 29, 30 |
| May | 1, 6, 7, 8, 13, 14, 15, 22, |
| June | 3, 4, 5, 10, 11, 12, 17, 18, 19, 20, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28 |