### **SB 307**

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 46 of Title 33 of the O.C.G.A., relating to certification of private review agents, so as to provide for health insurers to implement and maintain a program that allows for the selective application of reductions in prior authorization requirements under certain circumstances; to provide for an annual filing; to provide for the promulgation of rules and regulations; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

### **SB** 76

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 18 of Title 45 of the O.C.G.A., relating to the state employees' health insurance plan and post-employment health benefit fund, so as to provide for state health benefit plans to cover insulin medication at a reduced rate; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

## Average annual healthcare cost in all 50 states

Midwest hospital M&A market heats up, but faces policy hurdles

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### **SB** 99

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 31-6-47 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to exemptions from certificate of need requirements, so as to provide an exemption for acute care hospitals established in rural counties that meet certain criteria; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Wellstar agrees to spending nearly \$800 million over next decade in AU Health merger

Wellstar urged to drop physicians' noncompetes

Federal Officials Suspend Georgia's Section 1332 Waiver

### **HB 214**

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 4 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to public assistance, so as to allow individuals to buy-in to Medicaid coverage; to provide for definitions; to provide for the establishment of the Medicaid Buy-In Program; to provide for the design and administration of the program; to provide for the establishment of premiums; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for submission of a federal waiver if necessary; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.