

## Protect Patient Access to Care

- **Support** increased access to health care coverage, which is proven to improve the health status of Floridians and lowers health care costs.

### MEDICAID

- **Ensure** the continuation of essential health care services for low-income children, pregnant women, elderly and disabled people by protecting vital state funding for the Medicaid program.
- **Promote** Medicaid policy and payment models that improve access, and efficiency and advance high-value care.
- **Support** legislation that ensures accountability to taxpayers and provides local hospital taxing districts with flexibility to maintain, and make access available to, health care facilities notwithstanding the district's geographic boundaries.

### PERSONAL INJURY PROTECTION

- **Ensure** changes to Florida's personal injury protection program include mandatory bodily injury coverage and a mandatory medical payment policy.

## Strengthen Our Workforce

### APRN AUTONOMOUS PRACTICE

- **Allow** all health professionals to practice to the full extent of their education, training and certification without burdensome regulatory requirements.

### GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION

- **Invest** in Florida's physician workforce by increasing residency positions and funding for Graduate Medical Education programs.

### KEEP OUR GRADUATES WORKING

- **Eliminate** the state health regulatory board's authority to suspend, or revoke, a health care provider's professional license, certificate, registration or permit solely based on a delinquency, or defaulting on student loan payments.

### ASSAULT OR BATTERY ON HOSPITAL PERSONNEL

- **Support** efforts to protect the hospital workforce by enhancing criminal penalties for violent crimes against health care workers.

### NONOPIOID ALTERNATIVES

- **Support** legislation that ensures the efficient delivery of care.

## Support Quality and Safety

- **Advance** efforts that align care delivery and payment to improve health outcomes and promote safe patient care.

### MEANINGFUL HEALTH CARE TRANSPARENCY

- **Support** improved access to health care cost, quality and outcomes that is evidence-based and meaningful to inform consumer decisions.

### PATIENT SAFETY CULTURE SURVEYS

- **Support** meaningful public reporting of patient safety culture surveys to ensure patients and their families have access to useful safety data and information.

### SPECIALTY/BOUTIQUE HOSPITALS

- **Maintain** current patient protections prohibiting stand-alone, single service boutique hospitals.

### RECOVERY CARE CENTERS

- **Maintain** the current system of care for patients who require overnight, post-operative nursing care and monitoring.

## Commitment to Community

- **Protect** against unnecessary, duplicative community benefit reporting regulations that provide no additional meaningful information than the publicly reported data already available and required by federal law and Internal Revenue Service regulation.

### HOSPITAL MERGERS AND ACQUISITIONS

- **Protect** against duplicative hospital merger and acquisition reporting regulations that add no meaningful information to publicly reported data already required by federal law.

## Enhance Behavioral Health Services

### INCREASE COVERAGE PARITY

- **Increase** funding for behavioral health services to address service delivery gaps in treatment options.
- **Implement** policies to better integrate and coordinate behavioral health services with physical health services.
- **Enable** the use of real-time event notification and prescription drug monitoring program data-sharing to address the opioid crisis and better identify at-risk patients.

# ADVOCACY AGENDA 2020

## PRIORITY BILLS



Mission to Care. Vision to Lead.

### Advanced Practice Registered Nurse Autonomous Practice

Creates a new “autonomous practice” licensure category for APRNs who have achieved additional levels of experience to practice without a formal physician protocol.

**House Bill 607 by Rep. Pigman**  
**No Senate Companion Bill**

**FHA SUPPORTS**

### Assault or Battery on Hospital Personnel

Expands current law to provide criminal penalties for persons who knowingly assault hospital personnel.

**Senate Bill 950 by Sen. Rouson**  
**No House Companion Bill**

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### Binding Estimates (Medical Billing)

Requires licensed facilities to provide cost estimates to patients or prospective patients and prohibits facilities from charging an amount exceeding the cost estimate.

**House Bill 959 by Rep. Duggan**  
**Senate Bill 1664 by Sen. Albritton**

**FHA OPPOSES**

### Community Benefit Transparency (Property Tax Exemptions Used by Hospitals)

Provides criteria to be used in determining value of tax exemptions for charitable use of certain hospitals.

**House Bill 919 by Rep. Caruso**  
**No Senate Companion Bill**

**FHA WORKING WITH BILL SPONSOR**

### Hospital Acquisitions

Requires entities to submit written notice of specified filings to Attorney General’s Office relating

to hospital, hospital system, or provider organization mergers and acquisitions. Authorizes requests for additional information or civil investigations.

**House Bill 711 by Rep. Burton**  
**Senate Bill 758 by Sen. Albritton**

**FHA OPPOSES**

### Insurance Coverage Parity for Mental Health and Substance Use Disorders

Requires Medicaid managed care plans to submit annual reports parity between mental health and substance use disorder benefits and medical and surgical benefits.

**House Bill 939 by Rep. Slosberg**  
**Senate Bill 706 by Sen. Rouson**

**FHA SUPPORTS**

### Keep Our Graduates Working Act

Removes existing law authorizing the state to take disciplinary action, including the suspension or revocation of a license, against a health care practitioner who defaults on a federal or state guaranteed student loan or who fails to comply with the terms of a service scholarship.

**House Bill 115 by Rep. Duran**  
**Senate Bill 356 by Sen. Hutson**

**FHA SUPPORTS**

### Nonopioid Alternatives

Revises current law requiring health care practitioners to provide patients with nonopioid alternatives before prescribing or ordering an opioid medication. Specifically, it exempts the requirement for patients in an emergency room, critical care unit, or hospice patients and stipulates that it is the responsibility of the prescriber

to provide the alternative information to the patient or their representative.

**House Bill 743 by Rep. Plakon**  
**Senate Bill 1080 by Sen. Perry**

**FHA SUPPORTS**

### Patient Safety Culture Surveys

Requires hospitals and ambulatory surgical centers to submit patient safety culture survey data to AHCA for public reporting.

**House Bill 763 by Rep. Grant**  
**Senate Bill 1370 by Sen. Harrell**

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### Personal Injury Protection (Motor Vehicle Insurance)

Repeals provisions that comprise the Florida Motor Vehicle No-Fault Law.

**House Bill 771 by Rep. Grall**  
**FHA OPPOSES**

**Senate Bill 378 by Sen. Lee**  
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### Recovery Care Services

Creates a licensure category for recovery care centers, which would provide post-surgical and post diagnostic recovery nursing care services and postsurgical rehabilitation services for up to 72 hours for patients primarily undergoing procedures at ambulatory surgical centers.

**House Bill 827 by Rep. Stevenson**  
**No Senate Companion Bill**  
**FHA OPPOSES**

### Specialty Hospitals

Removes provisions relating to prohibition of licensure for certain hospitals that serve specific populations.

**House Bill 6059 by Rep. Fitzenhagen**  
**No Senate Companion Bill**  
**FHA OPPOSES**