

Protect Patient Access to Care



IMPORTANCE OF HEALTH CARE COVERAGE

Support increased access to health care coverage, which improves the health status of Floridians and lowers health care costs.



HOSPITAL FINANCING

Medicaid

Ensure the continuation of essential health care services for low- income children, pregnant women, the elderly and the disabled by protecting vital state funding for the Medicaid program.

Promote Medicaid policy and payment models that improve access, 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.



Workers' Compensation

Implement policies to address administrative efficiencies in the workers' compensation system and lower operational costs.

Enhance Quality and Patient 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 care and monitoring.



REDUCING AVOIDABLE EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT USE AND READMISSIONS

Support access and integration of critical patient care information and data across all health care settings to allow for care coordination, decrease readmissions and reduce non-emergent use of the emergency department.



Commitment to Community

COMMUNITY BENEFIT TRANSPARENCY

Protect against unnecessary, duplicative community benefit reporting regulations that provide no additional meaningful information to publicly reported data already required and available 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.



Strengthen the Health Care Workforce

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

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

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.

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



Behavioral Health

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 (PDMP) data sharing to address the opioid crisis and better identify at risk patients across the health care delivery continuum.