



2024 FEDERAL PRIORITIES



SUPPORTING PHYSICIANS AND THEIR ABILITY TO CARE FOR PATIENTS

Support enactment of legislation and regulatory reforms that promote physician wellness and safety in workplaces.

Support enactment of legislation that strengthens the financial stability of independent physician practices.

Support enactment of legislation and regulatory reforms that promote osteopathic manipulative treatment (OMT).



STRENGTHENING THE PHYSICIAN WORKFORCE WHERE IT IS NEEDED MOST

Support enactment of legislation that increases the physician workforce; and provides an equitable distribution of graduate medical education resources to practice types and communities where it is needed most.

Support enactment of legislation that reforms student loan repayment programs.

Educate Congress on the importance of physician-led care in all communities, and how programs that improve physician shortages in underserved rural and urban communities are better for patients, and more effective and efficient than scope of practice expansion.



ACCESS AND AFFORDABILITY

Support enactment of legislation that alleviates arbitrary burdens in step therapy and prior authorization to improve patients' access to prescription drugs and physician services.

Support legislative and regulatory reforms that ensure continued and improved coverage and payment for telehealth services.

Support enactment of legislation and regulatory reform that expands access to medical services and prescription drugs that treat and manage chronic conditions.



REGULATORY REFORM

Support policies that address systemic issues and improve payment adequacy for medical services, reduce administrative burdens, eliminate barriers to coverage and care, and strengthen the patient-physician relationship.

Support value-based arrangements that provide adequate payment and greater flexibility in service delivery.

Support health information technology (HIT) policies that reduce physician burden through greater interoperability and make care delivery more efficient and seamless across the healthcare spectrum.



PUBLIC HEALTH

Promote policies that reduce health disparities across ethnic, racial, geographic, socioeconomic, and other underserved populations.

Support policies that increase utilization of evidence-based vaccine guidelines, address vaccine hesitancy, expand patient and physician education, and ensure adequate payment for vaccine administration.



FEDERAL FUNDING

Support funding that enhances research opportunities for osteopathic physician-researchers and osteopathic institutions.

Support funding that advances an infrastructure that promotes the provision of primary care to advance health and wellness for patients.

Support funding for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and National Institutes of Health for research on reducing firearm violence.