



## SUPPORTING PHYSICIANS AND THEIR ABILITY TO CARE FOR PATIENTS

- Support physician autonomy and independent medical decision-making to preserve the sanctity of the physician-patient relationship.
- 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).
- Support enactment of legislation and regulatory reforms that advance patient privacy, safety, and osteopathic philosophy in the application of artificial intelligence in medicine.



## 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 all 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 and regulatory reform 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 digital health through policies that reduce physician burden and drive greater interoperability of health information technology, promote connected care, and make care delivery more efficient and seamless across the healthcare spectrum.



## PUBLIC HEALTH

- Support legislation that requires all health care providers to affirmatively communicate their degrees and licensure types to patients.
- 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.