



2021 STATE PRIORITIES



SCOPE OF PRACTICE & NEW LICENSURE TYPES

Support the physician-led, team-based model of care and uniform, evidence-based licensure pathways for all clinicians based upon scope of practice.



OSTEOPATHIC EQUIVALENCY AND RECOGNITION

Ensure that the osteopathic profession and credentials are recognized as equivalent to their allopathic counterparts. Educate legislators about current osteopathic terminology, and the distinctive philosophy and practice of osteopathic medicine. Support DO licensure and regulation by osteopathic medical boards in dual board states.



TRUTH IN ADVERTISING

Support legislation that requires all health care providers to affirmatively communicate their degrees and licensure type to patients, and requires entities offering physician board certification to possess legitimate training and testing requirements.



PUBLIC HEALTH

Work to increase public awareness and implement evidence-based recommendations and best practices related to public health issues. Support funding to strengthen our public health care infrastructure and workforce, reduce health care disparities and establish a robust national strategy to combat future public health emergencies.



PHYSICIAN WORKFORCE

Support enactment of legislation that increases the physician workforce by increasing funding for graduate medical education and expanding financial incentives to facilitate physicians' ability to care for patients in rural and underserved communities.



TELEMEDICINE

Support the delivery of appropriate health care services, including the prescription of controlled substances, through telemedicine and other communications-based technologies. Advocate for coverage and payment parity between these services and similar services delivered in-person.



PRESCRIPTION DRUG MISUSE, ABUSE AND DIVERSION

Support evidence-based approaches that balance the need to curb prescription drug misuse with ensuring access to appropriate health care. Support legislation that promotes non-pharmacological pain management modalities, such as osteopathic manipulative treatment.



ACCESS AND AFFORDABILITY

Support legislation that enhances access to timely, affordable, high-quality care for all patients. This includes:

- Supporting network adequacy and transparency standards for insurers.
- Supporting legislation to stabilize state health insurance exchanges and expand Medicaid.
- Supporting access to affordable prescription drugs, including by regulating Pharmacy Benefit Managers.
- Supporting enactment of legislation that alleviates arbitrary burdens in step therapy and prior authorization.
- Opposing any legislation that would interfere with the physician-patient relationship and physicians' ability to provide evidence-based information and care to their patients.



INTERSTATE MEDICAL LICENSURE COMPACT

Support enactment of the Compact, which enhances physician license portability and increases patient access to care.