

IMPROVE FINANCIAL STABILITY FOR HOSPITALS

- Introduce legislation to maximize federal matching dollars directed to existing Medicaid Supplemental Payment Program - hospital directed payment program.

ADDRESS HEALTH CARE WORKFORCE SUPPLY, RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION

- Advocate for the protection of health care workers through anti-doxing legislation to make it a crime to disseminate personal identifying information with the intent to intimidate, abuse, threaten, harass, or frighten.
- Continue support of initiatives that ensure hospitals' ability to appropriately manage human resources to meet ever-changing patient care needs, with emphasis on opposing mandated nurse staffing ratios, and monitor approval of SANE legislative rule.

ADVANCE AFFORDABLE PRESCRIPTION DRUGS / PHARMACY ISSUES

- Protect the *340B Drug Pricing Program* through legislation that will prohibit unfavorable practices that impact hospitals and other 340B covered entities.

ENSURE ACCESS TO BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES

- Continue seeking improvements to the mental hygiene process and pediatric/adolescent mental health services to ensure access to care, with emphasis on telehealth opportunities for psychiatric patients in the emergency department.

PROTECT PUBLIC HEALTH

- Sustain West Virginia's current Childhood Immunization laws, with emphasis on promoting public health/disease prevention.

MAINTAIN CERTIFICATE OF NEED PROGRAM

- Protect and maintain the current Certificate of Need (CON) Program, with emphasis on ensuring community and specialty hospitals are an essential component of the health care delivery system in WV and opposing attempts to repeal the Program.

ENHANCE HEALTH CARE DELIVERY SYSTEM

- Continue working with the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) community and stakeholders to ensure an efficient emergency delivery system for patients and providers.
- Ensure approval of hospital licensure legislative rule implementing new health care model - Rural Emergency Hospital (REH).

ENSURE A STREAMLINED PRIOR AUTHORIZATION PROCESS

- Continue to ensure a streamlined and efficient Prior Authorization process for medical services, with emphasis on minimizing burden for patients and health care providers.

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