

2019 *Legislative and Regulatory Priorities*



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The Maryland State Medical Society

PROTECT ACCESS TO PHYSICIAN SERVICES

- Advocate for parity of Medicaid payment rates with Medicare
- Protect patients by opposing the inappropriate expansion of non-physician scope of practice
- Fight the weakening of Maryland's medical liability environment
- Protect physicians' right to dispense

ENSURE TIMELY DELIVERY OF HEALTH CARE SERVICES

- Advocate for health insurance transparency and efficiency to reduce administrative burdens
- Work to streamline prior authorization processes
- Improve Maryland's payment climate
- Support drug transparency initiatives
- Support network adequacy initiatives

PROTECTING THE PRACTICE OF MEDICINE

- Monitor Maryland Board of Physicians regulatory and disciplinary actions
- Ensure fairness in credentialing requirements

ADDRESS BEHAVIORAL HEALTH TREATMENT AND RECOVERY NEEDS

- Work to expand crisis treatment centers and address barriers to access
- Protect and enhance the integrity of the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program
- Support innovative approaches to addressing the opioid crisis

STRENGTHEN PUBLIC HEALTH INITIATIVES

- Address health disparities
- Advocate for initiatives that focus on child health and safety



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