



Advocacy Agenda

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Strengthening the Healthcare Workforce

- Support additional Medicare-supported **GME** slots and support the Children's Hospitals Graduate Medical Education Program
- Support expedition of **visas** for foreign-trained nurses and continuation of visa waivers for physicians in medical underserved areas
- Advance legislation to address the nursing shortage including the National **Nursing Workforce Centers Act**
- Support the Safety from Violence for Healthcare Employees (**SAVE**) Act

Ensuring Healthcare Access, Quality, and Affordability

- Protect safety-net hospitals' access to the **340B** program and opposing harmful structural changes to the program
- Prevent cuts to Medicare hospital providers and **provide necessary funding for Medicare, Medicaid, CHIP, and the Health Insurance Marketplace**
- **Prevent the Statutory Pay-As-You-Go sequester**, which would result in 4 percent cuts to hospital providers in fee-for-service Medicare
- Improve **physician payments** and mitigate Medicare payment reductions to ensure access to physicians
- Support the **KIDS Health Act** that focuses on prevention and addressing social determinants of health
- Support policies that address the youth **mental health** crisis and bolster the mental health workforce
- Reject Medicare **site neutral** payment cuts
- Hold commercial **health insurers accountable** for ensuring appropriate patient access to care, including by reducing the excessive use of prior authorization and limiting inappropriate denials and delays for services

Advancing Health Equity

- Make permanent **telehealth** flexibilities
- Make permanent the CMS Acute **Hospital Care at Home Program**