



# Advocacy Agenda

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### Strengthening Delaware's Healthcare Workforce

- Create a healthcare workforce shortage **scholarship** program.
- Create new incentives for clinical **preceptors**.
- Support a statewide healthcare **workforce data** initiative.

### Ensuring Healthcare Access, Quality, & Affordability

- **In lieu of HB 350**, the Diamond State Hospital Cost Review Board, work collaboratively on solutions to Delaware's health challenges that would yield better affordability and health outcomes so that we can make the First State first in health.
- Advocate for **prior authorization reform** legislation along with the Medical Society of Delaware.
- Advocate for **adequate reimbursement for primary care, behavioral health**, and other preventative care that improves community health and reduces utilization.
- Advocate for solutions to the challenge that hospitals face with hundreds of non-acute **long-stay patients** "stuck" in the hospital awaiting discharge to a more appropriate care setting.
- Advocate for payer reforms, including DHA's **prompt payment** bill, that would reduce the burden that providers face with getting reimbursed for care from health insurers.
- Streamline **certificate of need process** in a manner that protects access to care for the most vulnerable patients.
- Prohibit pharmaceutical companies from imposing restrictions on **340B** covered entities and their contract pharmacy arrangements.

### Advancing Health Equity

- Advance legislation for certification and reimbursement of **Community Health Workers** in Delaware.
- Advocate for health **insurance coverage** for the uninsured, underinsured and most vulnerable, including preventative coverage for prenatal care and dialysis care.