



Advocacy Agenda

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Strengthening the Healthcare Workforce

- Support additional Medicare-supported **GME** slots, including [H.R. 4731/S. 2439](#), and support the Children's Hospitals Graduate Medical Education Program
- Support expediting of **visas** for foreign-trained nurses and continuation of visa waivers for physicians in underserved areas. Also support exempting healthcare workers from the \$100,000 H-1B visa filing fee established by proclamation in 2025 ([H.R. 7961](#))
- Advance legislation to address the nursing shortage including the National **Nursing Workforce Centers Act** ([S.1482/H.R. 4407](#))
- Support federal protections for health care workers against violence and intimidation

Ensuring Healthcare Access, Quality, and Affordability

- Protect safety-net hospitals' access to the **340B** program and oppose harmful structural changes to the program. Oppose efforts to move from the current upfront discount model to a rebate model
- **Reject so-called site-neutral payment cuts** to ensure access to critical care and outpatient services
- Safeguard 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 policies that address the youth **mental health** crisis and bolster the mental health workforce
- 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**