



2024 STATE PRIORITIES



SCOPE OF PRACTICE & NEW LICENSURE TYPES

Support the physician-led, team-based model of care and uniform, evidence-based licensure pathways for all clinicians based upon scope of practice.



OSTEOPATHIC EQUIVALENCY AND RECOGNITION

Ensure that the osteopathic profession and credentials are recognized as equivalent to their allopathic counterparts. Educate legislators about current osteopathic terminology, and the distinctive philosophy and practice of osteopathic medicine. Support DO licensure and regulation by osteopathic medical boards in dual board states.



TRUTH IN ADVERTISING

Support legislation that requires all health care providers to affirmatively communicate their degrees and licensure types to patients, restricts “-ologist” titles to physicians, and requires entities offering physician board certification to possess legitimate training and testing requirements.



PUBLIC HEALTH

Work to increase public awareness and implement evidence-based recommendations and best practices related to public health issues. Support funding to strengthen our public health care infrastructure and workforce, address health care disparities and social determinants of health, and establish a robust national strategy to combat future public health emergencies.



PHYSICIAN WORKFORCE

Support legislation that expands the physician workforce by increasing funding for graduate medical education, especially in high-need specialties and locations, and expanding financial incentives to facilitate care for the underserved.



TELEMEDICINE

Support the delivery of appropriate health care services, including the prescription of controlled substances, through telemedicine and other communications-based technologies. Advocate for coverage and payment parity between these services and similar services delivered in-person.



PRESCRIPTION DRUG MISUSE, ABUSE AND DIVERSION

Support evidence-based approaches that balance the need to curb prescription drug misuse with ensuring access to appropriate, timely health care. Support legislation that promotes non-pharmacological pain management modalities, such as osteopathic manipulative treatment.



ACCESS AND AFFORDABILITY

Support access to timely, affordable, high-quality care for all patients. This includes:

- Supporting network adequacy and transparency standards for insurers.
- Supporting stabilization of state health insurance exchanges and expanding Medicaid.
- Supporting access to affordable prescription drugs, including by regulating Pharmacy Benefit Managers.
- Supporting the removal of arbitrary burdens in step therapy and prior authorization.
- Supporting physician self-regulation by protecting the authority and autonomy of state medical boards, and opposing legislation that interferes with professional self-regulation, the physician-patient relationship, or physicians’ ability to provide evidence-based information and care to their patients.



INTERSTATE MEDICAL LICENSURE COMPACT

Support enactment of the Compact, which enhances physician license portability and increases patient access to care.