

2017 State Advocacy Agenda

Strengthening Medicaid

- ▶ Stabilize program funding and preserve provider reimbursement to promote access to care for Medicaid patients
- ▶ Strengthen oversight of Medicaid Managed Care and provide remedies for ongoing provider payment issues
- ▶ Collaborate with stakeholders to continue and modernize the Hospital Provider Assessment program
- ▶ Support expansion of Medicaid coverage to pregnant legal immigrants

Telehealth

- ▶ Require reimbursement and parity from all payers for all types of telehealth services
- ▶ Accelerate implementation of the Trauma System Advisory Council recommendation to allow rural hospitals to utilize telehealth for Emergency Department response requirements
- ▶ Support telehealth expansion by eliminating unnecessary administrative and regulatory barriers.

Behavioral Health

- ▶ Support state funding to create new levels of treatment including sub-acute and post-acute
- ▶ Continue implementation of the redesign and support for adequate funding for services
- ▶ Improve integration and link medical care and behavioral health through medical home models
- ▶ Support medical screenings prior to involuntary commitments
- ▶ Support ongoing design of the children's mental health system

Community Health and Well-being

- ▶ Support efforts to reduce opioid abuse through informed prescribing, supply reduction and access to treatment
- ▶ Oppose legalization of physician assisted suicide
- ▶ Support efforts to create a robust palliative care system in state, including reimbursement for care and consultation services
- ▶ Support efforts to prevent human trafficking
- ▶ Support comprehensive tobacco prevention and cessation programs
- ▶ Support an increase in the legal age to purchase tobacco to 21
- ▶ Support efforts to address hunger and housing issues in our communities

Health Care Workforce

- ▶ Support efforts to aggressively address the workforce shortage in behavioral health, nursing and other areas, including creation of incentives for lowa-trained health care professionals to remain in Iowa
- ▶ Support expansion of the Iowa Graduate Medical Education initiative and ongoing appropriations
- ▶ Support and increase state appropriations for the Rural Provider Loan Forgiveness Programs
- ▶ Support efforts to ensure providers are able to work at the full scope of their license
- ▶ Support improvements to Iowa's medical malpractice environment.

Potential 2017 Watch List:

- ▶ Certificate of Need – oppose changes
- ▶ CARE Act (AARP) – oppose
- ▶ Sales tax exemption for hospitals construction projects - support