



2023-2024 Providence Advocacy Agenda

Advocating for the communities we serve

The Providence family of organizations is a tireless advocate for health and social programs, and policies that contribute to the health and well-being of the communities we serve. Grounded in our Mission and belief that every person is equal in dignity and value, we advocate for more just and equitable health care for all, especially those who are poor and vulnerable. We believe that health is a human right and we partner with lawmakers to advance policies that bring our vision of health for a better world to life.

Our policy priorities for 2023-2024:

■ Preserve affordable access and coverage

- Protect the health care safety net: Protect health care coverage and provide reimbursement rates that appropriately reflect the cost of delivering care, especially for vulnerable populations.
- Reduce medication costs: Increase pharmaceutical pricing transparency and protect the 340B Drug Pricing Program, which increases access to medications for low-income patients.
- Increase access to high-quality, affordable coverage: Support expansion of Medicare Advantage and ensure the sustainability of government-sponsored health coverage.
- Promote collaborative care delivery models: Increase partnerships between payers and providers to strengthen value-based care.

■ Improve health system capacity and sustainability

- Improve hospital capacity and reduce unnecessary lengths of stay: Develop permanent solutions to address hospital capacity and ensure patients receive care in the appropriate settings.
- Protect nonprofits' ability to care for all: Preserve tax-exempt status to support continued care for the poor and vulnerable.
- Expand innovative clinical care models: Enable more affordable, innovative care by making telehealth flexibilities permanent.
- Strengthen post-acute care services: Mitigate regulatory burden and increase resources for home and community care.
- Preserve rural health care: Enhance funding to protect rural clinics and hospitals from closures.

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Our policy priorities (continued)

■ Strengthen and develop our workforce

- Reduce regulatory burden on clinicians: Promote policies and regulatory relief to address a shrinking workforce, while enhancing patient care.
- Eliminate violence against caregivers: Support continued health care workplace safety and fund de-escalation programs to help keep caregivers safe.
- Invest in our workforce: Fund graduate medical education and clinical education programs to address clinician shortages, especially in rural and underserved communities.
- Strengthen the clinician pipeline: Bolster the future workforce by providing clinician scholarships, loan forgiveness and funding for faculty positions.
- Increase access to care: Allow clinicians to perform at the top of their license and support multi-state licensing compacts.

■ Advance care delivery and coordination

- Increase access to behavioral health services: Increase funding for patients in acute crisis and develop community-based solutions, especially for children and youth.
- Expand access to substance use treatment: Support policies that increase access to substance use treatment and ensure wide-spread access to opioid antagonists.
- Strengthen the public health infrastructure: Increase rapid, collaborative strategies for outreach, testing, treatment, immunization and data collection to support public health efforts.
- Promote health IT advancements: Standardize coordinated health care and protect health systems from cybersecurity threats.
- Improve coordination of care for elders: Bolster palliative care and long-term services, including the Program for All-inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE).

■ Promote social and environmental justice

- Address racial disparities: Promote culturally competent care, increase workforce diversity, and support policies that seek to address inequities in health care delivery.
- Decrease and prevent homelessness: Increase access to affordable housing and support housing solutions for those experiencing homelessness.
- Improve stewardship of our environment: Increase funding and support policies to decarbonize the health care sector and address environmental justice and climate resiliency.
- Support common-sense gun safety: Reduce unnecessary injuries and deaths, while protecting constitutional rights.
- Seek justice for the most vulnerable: Advocate for programs that support immigrants, including creating a permanent pathway to citizenship for DACA recipients, and victims of human trafficking.

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