



2022 Legislative Priorities

Protecting Patient Access to Prescription Drugs

- Patients are often forced to change prescription drugs because of actions by their insurers.
- Such changes cause increased administrative burden for physicians and clinics, and poorer care for affected patients.
- Many patients select their insurer based on whether their drug is covered, yet nothing prevents insurers from changing their preferred drugs (formulary) during the patient's contract year.

Once a patient starts a drug therapy, they should not be forced to change drugs until the end of their contact year.

Communication and Optimal Resolution (CANDOR) for Patient Safety

- CANDOR is a voluntary program for physicians, facilities, and other healthcare professionals to immediately respond to adverse events.
- Patients and their families deserve timely and honest information about adverse events.
- Physicians and other team members involved in adverse events deserve support and care.
- Legislation is needed to protect all communications, offers of compensation, and other materials that are prepared for a CANDOR discussion from being admissible as evidence in a lawsuit.

Increase patient safety and transparency by encouraging adoption of the CANDOR model that protects conversations from discovery. (pending BOT approval)

POLST Statewide Registry Feasibility Study

- A Provider Order for Life-Sustaining Treatment (POLST) is a signed medical order that documents a patient's treatment preferences as they near their end of life.
- A POLST order is only effective if it is readily accessible to emergency responders and other treating clinicians.
- A statewide, electronic POLST registry can help ensure that information about patients' treatment preferences is immediately available to emergency responders and other treating clinicians.

Direct MDH to study the feasibility of establishing and maintaining a statewide POLST registry.

Vaccine Promotion: Childhood and COVID-19

- Political and public backlash to COVID-19 vaccines have the potential to spur legislation to erode Minnesota's school and childcare vaccination laws.
- Vaccines are safe, effective, and critical to preventing disease outbreaks and minimizing serious complications.
- MMA remains committed to removing the "conscientiously held belief" exemption and to increasing overall vaccine rates.

Firearm Death and Injury Prevention

- Suicide is the leading cause of firearm deaths in Minnesota.
- MMA continues to support passage of laws to provide for universal criminal background checks, "red flag" laws and expanded research.
- Even if legislation doesn't move in 2022, continued work is needed to build momentum towards passage.