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## *ISMA Legislative Priorities*



The 2025 legislative session promises to be a busy one, with a new governor, a new budget, and several health care-related issues competing for attention and funding.

These are some of the key issues ISMA will be working on, with some points to emphasize when you talk to your legislators:

### **Scope of practice**

- Studies from other states indicate unsupervised practice by nonphysician providers increases costs and yields poorer outcomes
- NPPs are more likely to order unnecessary tests and referrals, overprescribe opioids
- NPPs can already open supervised practices in rural areas, but do not; no reason to believe unsupervised practice would change that

### **Prior authorization**

- PA harms patients by needlessly delaying or denying care while driving up costs
- Several ways to reform: waive PA for common or low-cost procedures, "gold card" for physicians with track record of approvals, require PA reviewers to be in same specialty as requester, requests deemed approved if not denied within X days, checklist of criteria to guide PA

### **GME funding**

- GME has created 329 residency positions in nine years
- Increasing GME = best way to address physician shortages

### **Maintain HIP equalization**

- Feds have repeatedly cut Medicare reimbursements; physicians can't afford a state pay cut on top of federal cuts
- Cuts would increase risk of practices either closing or not accepting Medicaid patients

### **Noncompete clauses**

- Noncompetes violate free market
- Noncompetes can force physicians to leave town in order to practice, worsening shortages

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