

2023 Legislative Priorities

In 2023, the Connecticut State Medical Society (CSMS) will continue to advocate for its physicians and physician-in-training members, and the patients they serve. We will promote efforts to strengthen the healthcare system, protect the interests of physicians and the patients they serve, and to ensure that the highest quality of care is available and able to be delivered. CSMS' legislative priorities are developed within the realities facing our state in 2023. In 2023, CSMS' primary focus will be on:

- **Reducing unnecessary prior authorization requirements and other burdens**, including step therapy, placed on physicians and our patients by health insurers
- **Increasing Medicaid reimbursement rates** for all physicians
- **Removing barriers** to attracting and retaining the best graduates of medical schools and post-graduate training programs
- **Continuing efforts** to mitigate the detrimental impact high deductible health plans have on our patients
- **Opposing changes** to Connecticut's landmark out of network/surprise billing statute
- **Ensuring continued and expanded access** to telehealth services for Connecticut physicians and their patients
- **Addressing the mental health crisis**, including pediatric patients boarding in emergency departments
- **Reducing and preventing burnout**, supporting physician well-being, and raising awareness regarding healthcare professional suicide

Want to be involved? Our advocacy team is on the ground in Hartford every day during legislative sessions, and we're always looking for physicians who can lend their expertise in public hearings. If you have an issue you're passionate about and are willing to testify, contact the CSMS Offices at 203-865-0587.



As we have for more than two centuries, the Connecticut State Medical Society leads the way on the front lines of public health policy leadership, fighting every day for our members and their professions.

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