



2022 LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

In 2022, 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, and ensure that the highest quality of care is available and able to be delivered. CSMS' legislative priorities are developed within the realities currently facing our state and the challenges that will be presented by a short legislative session compounded by the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic. CSMS advocates for the following legislative initiatives:

- Reducing unnecessary **prior authorization** requirements and other burdens placed on physicians and our patients by the health insurers
- Continuing efforts to mitigate the burden placed on our patients by **high deductible health plans**
- Ensuring continued and expanded access to **telehealth services** for Connecticut physicians and their patients
- Removing barriers to **attracting and retaining** the best graduates of medical schools and post-graduate training programs
- Addressing the **pediatric mental health crisis**, including pediatric patients boarding in any emergency department
- Allowing qualified and **certified medical assistants to administer vaccines** under direct supervision
- Supporting legislation that seeks to **improve health equity**
- Reducing and **preventing burnout**, supporting physician **well-being**, and **raising awareness** regarding healthcare professional suicide
- Supporting legislation that **protects access to maternal and child health**
- **Reducing the high cost of pharmaceuticals** and ensuring patient access to **affordable** and appropriate medications
- Support the **codification of the Covid-19 executive orders** regarding liability protection for physicians

