

Legislative Branch:

Relief Funding

Applicable Member Settings: All

Advocate for additional pandemic relief funding to be allocated for staffing, PPE, and other needed resources.

Medicaid Rate Reform

Applicable Member Setting: Nursing Homes

Continue work to reform the Medicaid rate system, including developing a methodology built on appropriate staffing, the patient driven-payment model, and quality measures. This work will include, but not be limited to, discussions and negotiations with legislators, the Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services (HFS), the Medicaid Workgroup and other associations.

Biometric Information Privacy Act

Applicable Member Settings: All

Push for legislation to amend the Act with provisions that will protect the industry and continue to educate legislators on the impact this law has on providers.

Staffing

Applicable Member Settings: All

To help alleviate the workforce crisis that existed prior to 2020, compounded with the pandemic, we will work to eliminate barriers and increase opportunities to ease the staffing crisis.

These actions include:

Nurse Licensure Compact

Collaborate with other associations and stakeholders to introduce and pass Nurse Licensure Compact legislation. This would allow for nurses in participating states to have one multistate license with the ability to practice and communicate with patients or students, both physically and electronically, across state lines.

Temporary Nursing Assistant (TNA) Training Program

Push for the re-implementation of the Temporary Nursing Assistant (TNA) Training Program through the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH).

Medication Aide Program

Work to amend the Nurse Practice Act to make the Certified Medication Aide (CMA) Pilot program a permanent program in nursing homes and implement a CMA program in assisted living.

HCBS Funding and Licensure Program

Applicable Member Setting: Home and Community Based Services

Explore policy solutions that ensure state funding is adequate and distributed equitably to cover the costs of Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS). We will also continue to monitor any proposed changes to the home care licensure regulations to ensure member interests are represented.

Housing:

Applicable Member Setting: Housing

Following the lead of LeadingAge National, we will work to expand the supply of affordable housing. We will also work to provide adequate renewal funding as well as connect affordable senior housing to services and supports.

Executive Branch/State Agencies:

Surveys

Applicable Member Settings: Assisted Living, Nursing Homes

We will continue to address survey issues with the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH).

Medicaid Pending:

Applicable Member Settings: Nursing Homes, Supportive Living

Continue to work with state agencies to address delays in Medicaid eligibility that preclude Medicaid payments to providers from beginning.