



Initial 2023 Legislative Priorities

KEY PRIORITY

Issue	Description
Enact Tort Reform	IMS will lead the charge to enact legislation to stop the abuse by trial attorneys exploiting Iowa’s medical liability system and driving up record non-economic damage awards. Working with a broad-based coalition, IMS will work to enact a hard cap on noneconomic Damages and restore balance to Iowa’s Medical Liability System.

OTHER INVESTED ISSUES

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Expand Rural Physician Workforce	IMS will continue to partner with allied physician organizations to support increased funding for the Rural Physician Loan Repayment Program that directly supports efforts to recruit more physicians to shortage areas. IMS will also support policy efforts to implement the Iowa Rural Healthcare Workforce Strategic Action Plan.
Protect Scope of Practice	IMS will champion the practice of medicine that recognizes medical training & expertise in scope allowances, stopping any proposed expansions that threaten patient safety, and support efforts to better clarify the patient awareness of providers’ training.
Reduce Administrative Burden	IMS supports measures that reduce administrative burden and allow clinical teams to devote more of their time to direct patient care rather than administrative work associated with payers’ authorization and payment criteria.
Support Vaccine Access	IMS opposes efforts to weaken Iowa’s current vaccine statutes, to increase vaccine hesitance, or to limit practices’ ability to respond to the evolving vaccine-preventable disease threats and protect patients, healthcare providers, and communities.
Strengthen Medicaid	IMS will work to education policy makers about the implications of Medicaid’s stagnant physician rates, which are effectively unchanged from rates in the year 2000. We will seek to work with the Department of Human Services and interested stakeholder to formulate a plan for increasing reimbursement rates.

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Core Purpose

To assure the highest quality health care in Iowa through our role as physician and patient advocate.