



Florida Chapter  
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INCORPORATED IN FLORIDA



## 2022 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

### TELEHEALTH

- Support legislation allowing prescribing of controlled substances via telehealth.
- Support legislation allowing the provision of and payment for mental health services via telehealth.
- Support legislation clarifying that medical services may be provided by audio-only telehealth visits.

### PARENTAL AUTHORIZATION

- Support legislation authorizing medical care under emergency situations without prior written parental authorization.

### IMMUNIZATIONS

- Protect existing vaccination requirements.
- Support legislation repealing non-medical exemptions to vaccination requirements.

### TRANSFER OF HUMAN BIOLOGICAL SPECIMENS

- Support legislation clarifying that certain transfers (e.g. waste stream) of human biological specimens do not need express permission from the patient.

### FELLOWSHIP FUNDING

- Support legislation to secure \$300,000 in recurring funding for the University of Florida – Jacksonville Child Abuse Fellowship.

### MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

- Support legislation to fund youth suicide prevention.
- Support legislation to improve mental health parity payment.
- Support legislation allowing payment for screening for anxiety and depression.

### GUN VIOLENCE PREVENTION

- Support common sense gun safety legislation.

### CRIMINALIZATION OF CARE

- Advocate against legislation criminalizing the provision of medical care to transgender youth.
- Advocate against legislation criminalizing the provision of medical care associated with abortions.

### SCOPE OF PRACTICE

- Advocate against broad scope of practice expansions encouraging pediatric care outside of the medical home.

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