

2018 STATE AND FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- **Secured \$662 million** in total net benefit in fiscal year 2018 through the Quality Care Assessment
- **Increased by nearly \$800 million** the total, aggregate hospital net benefit that will be realized during the five-year Quality Care Assessment reauthorization, with **approximately \$95 million in new funding** for fiscal year 2019 alone
- **Protected \$61.4 million** in supplemental Medicaid hospital payments that support obstetrics and neonatal care and trauma and burn services for Pennsylvania's most vulnerable citizens, and **added \$7 million** more for critical access hospitals
- **Laid a foundation** for the health care workforce of the future by building legislative support for **a resolution to survey health care workforce trends and needs in Pennsylvania**
- **Successfully obtained legislation clarifying opioid prescribing for minors** admitted to a hospital
- **Supported** federal policies promoting a stable ACA marketplace, Medicaid expansion, and the ten-year reauthorization of CHIP **ensuring access to care for about 3,373,000 Pennsylvanians**



- **Earned** Pennsylvania Congressional Delegation support to:
 - **Reauthorize key federal payment policies**—Medicare Dependent, Low-Volume, and Rural Home Health Add-on—that **provide \$21.8 million annually** for five years to small and rural Pennsylvania hospitals
 - **Secure a two-year delay of Medicaid disproportionate share hospital (DSH) cuts**
 - **Expand the use of telemedicine services** for the treatment of opioid use disorder and other substance use disorders, home dialysis, and telestroke consultation
 - **Provide permanent relief from outpatient therapy caps** that had imposed arbitrary coverage limitations
 - Allocate **\$8.5 billion in new federal investments to address the opioid crisis, funding for behavioral health initiatives, and a \$2 billion increase for the National Institutes of Health**
 - **Modify the adoption of payment policies** impacting hospital outpatient departments and evaluation and management (E/M) services

- **Secured a favorable legal ruling blocking a nearly 30 percent payment cut** impacting many hospitals in the 340B Drug Pricing Program
- **Joined the American Hospital Association's advocacy** efforts to establish **more meaningful federal quality measures** that minimize duplication and reduce clinician burden
- **Spearheaded the voice of Pennsylvania health care provider groups** in highlighting health consequences of proposed "public charge" immigration policy
- **Worked with Senator Casey to advance** the reauthorization of the **Hospital Preparedness Program**

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2019 HAP'S ADVOCACY PRIORITIES

Top Line Ten advocacy goals—HAP's top priorities as established by the HAP Board

- Advance policy that addresses **unreasonable payor policies, reduces unnecessary burdens on providers, expedites credentialing, and improves access to care**
- Advocate to **maintain comprehensive, affordable health coverage**, including expanded Medicaid coverage, and oppose Administrative policies that weaken coverage within the health insurance marketplace
- Promote **workplace safety for health care practitioners** by enactment of legislation to allow the omission of health care practitioners' last name from their ID badges and/or legislation to increase penalties for assaults on health care practitioners
- Secure passage of a legislative resolution **requiring the evaluation of Pennsylvania's behavioral health treatment capacity** and how it may affect the utilization of hospital emergency department services and impact patient health

Key hospital issues most likely to see legislative action/require member outreach



- Invest essential state and federal resources into health care and **protect Medicaid payments in the 2019–2020 state budget**
- Allow hospitals to **leverage resources, such as the 340B Drug Pricing Program**, to better serve vulnerable patients and communities across the commonwealth
- **Delay Medicaid Disproportionate Share Hospital cuts** scheduled to take effect October 1, 2019
- **Update the Medical Care Availability and Reduction of Error (MCARE) Act** to reflect modern, team-based approaches to securing patients' informed consent prior to surgeries and other procedures
- Improve patient access to Pennsylvania's best specialists by **ensuring consistent coverage of telemedicine services**
- **Engage Pennsylvania's nurse community to determine effective strategies**, including nurse staffing, to continue to improve hospital safety and quality and reinforce population health
- Continue work with government partners to best leverage available resources to hospitals and other providers to **address the opioid epidemic**, and ensure that policymakers seek treatment alternatives supported by the best clinical data available
- **Protect patients from unanticipated bills** for services provided in facilities they know to be "in network" as part of their insurance plan and support hospitals in pursuing meaningful price transparency
- **Achieve medical liability reform**, including preventing enactment of a state false claims act, improving protections for hospitals and physicians providing emergency care, and preventing venue shopping for medical liability cases