

# MHA 2025 Legislative Priorities

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**Maryland hospitals are the cornerstone of healthy communities, delivering care that Marylanders depend on every day. To support this mission, MHA's 2025 legislative priorities focus on ensuring access to care, protecting Maryland's medical liability climate, strengthening payer accountability, and securing the future of telehealth.**



### **Healthy Hospitals. Healthy Communities.**

Support policies that strengthen hospitals' ability to deliver high-quality care, ensuring healthier communities by expanding access to care and promoting financial sustainability.



### **Ensure Access to Care**

Establish a systemic response to pediatric overstay by building bed capacity across the state, creating pathways of accountability and transparency to support youth and families in crisis, and improving processes that hinder timely access to care.



### **Protect and Improve Maryland's Medical Liability Climate**

Until comprehensive reform can be achieved, protect against further erosion in the state's existing liability climate so Maryland remains a premiere location for medical practice.



### **Strengthen Payer Accountability**

Create a system for reviewing payer denials that refines data disclosures and ensures data integrity, enhances payer denial transparency, and reduces denial rates, while examining factors that contribute to excessive denial rates such as the use of AI in claims reviews and prior- authorization requirements.



### **Secure the Future of Telehealth Programs**

Permanently preserve telehealth flexibilities successfully expanded during the pandemic to ensure patients and providers have continued access to a crucial means of care delivery.