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LEGISLATIVE & REGULATORY PRIORITIES

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The **Missouri Association of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons (MAOPS)** is a physician-led organization dedicated to advancing the distinct philosophy and practice of osteopathic medicine.

The following summarizes key **MAOPS** priorities for the **104th General Assembly**.

Payor Reforms

- Increase payor transparency and accountability to prevent delays in care, surprise billing and reimbursement issues.
- Ensure payor employees (both physicians and non-physicians) who make medical decisions are properly licensed, certified and held accountable for adverse patient outcomes.
- Reduce physician and patient burdens associated with payor prior authorization and step-therapy processes.

Patient Safety

- Ensure all patients can receive the care their healthcare team identifies as necessary, while preserving the sanctity of the physician-patient relationship.
- Ensure patients receive the highest-quality care by limiting the practice of medicine to physicians trained at accredited medical schools.
- Pursue increased regulation of direct-to-consumer marketing of pharmaceuticals, especially for rare diseases.
- Support increased regulation of emerging synthetic and natural drugs, including those sold over the counter that contain THC, 7-OH or other mood-altering substances.
- Curb prescription drug misuse while maintaining physician autonomy in decision-making regarding each patient's individual health circumstances.
- Encourage patient use of evidence-based vaccinations.

Physician Support

- Pursue legislation to eliminate non-compete clauses in physician contracts.
- Protect physicians and healthcare workers in the workplace by imposing stronger penalties on those who threaten their safety.
- Create safe pathways for physicians to seek mental health and substance misuse care without fear of negative professional repercussions.
- Support physician licensure processes that eliminate unnecessary information requests, examinations, certifications and topic-specific CME requirements.
- Support the safe advancement and responsible use of medical technologies that strengthen a safe physician-patient relationship, without unnecessary, burdensome mandates or penalties.

Medical Education & Training

- Advocate for fair government and employer policies supporting the ability of osteopathic physicians to precept osteopathic medical students.
- Advocate for increased state-level funding to establish student clinical rotation and postgraduate training sites in Missouri, and ensure equal opportunities for osteopathic physicians and medical students.
- Pursue legislation and policies to recruit and retain Missouri medical students and postgraduates.
- Protect Missouri's clinical rotation and postgraduate training positions.

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