SUPPORTING PHYSICIANS AND THEIR ABILITY TO CARE FOR PATIENTS
Support enactment of legislation that promotes physician wellness and increases protections in the workplace for healthcare.
Support policies that strengthen the financial stability of independent physician practices.

STRENGTHENING THE PHYSICIAN WORKFORCE WHERE IT IS NEEDED MOST
Support enactment of legislation that increases the physician workforce through expanded student loan repayment service programs and increased graduate medical education funding.
Educate Congress on the importance of physician-led care in all communities, and how programs that improve physician shortages in underserved rural and urban communities are better for patients, more effective and efficient than scope of practice expansion.

ACCESS AND AFFORDABILITY
Promote patient choice and network adequacy to ensure patients have timely access to covered services.
Support enactment of legislation that alleviates arbitrary burdens in step therapy and prior authorization to improve patients’ access to prescription drugs and physician services.
Support enactment of legislation that ensures coverage and payment for telehealth services.
Support enactment of legislation that expands access to medical services and prescription drugs that treat substance use disorder and manage chronic conditions.
Support enactment of legislation that promotes non-pharmacological pain management modalities, such as osteopathic manipulative treatment (OMT).

REGULATORY REFORM
Support policies that address systemic issues and improve payment adequacy for medical services, reduce administrative burden, eliminate barriers to coverage and care, and strengthen the patient-physician relationship.
Support value-based arrangements that provide adequate reimbursement and greater flexibility in service delivery.
Support health information technology (HIT) policies that reduce physician burden through greater interoperability and make care delivery more efficient and seamless across the healthcare spectrum.

PUBLIC HEALTH
Promote policies that reduce health disparities across ethnic, racial, geographic, socioeconomic, and other underserved populations.
Support policies that increase utilization of evidence-based vaccine guidelines, address vaccine hesitancy, expand patient and physician education, and ensure adequate payment for vaccine administration. Support policies and programs that reduce nicotine and tobacco use in any form.
Support the public health workforce and robust coordination between federal, state, and local health departments.

FY 2024 FEDERAL FUNDING PRIORITIES
Support funding to strengthen our public health infrastructure and workforce, improve pandemic preparedness and response, and facilitate greater support for osteopathic physician-researchers and osteopathic institutions.
Support funding that advances an infrastructure promotes the provision of primary medical care to advance health and wellness for patients.
Support funding for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and National institutes of health for research on reducing firearm violence.