

ISMS Legislative Advocacy in the Illinois General Assembly

Advanced good medical policy to

- **Defeat** a proposal to require medical license applicants to submit documentation from the **Federation Credentials Verification Service** at an extra cost of \$350.
- **Create** a free **volunteer license** for retired health professionals who no longer accept compensation for treatment, requiring issuance of at least 500 free licenses.
- **Improve** Illinois' **Do Not Resuscitate/ POLST** form to increase accessibility and encourage use of these important advance directives.
- **Streamline** the Illinois **Power of Attorney for Health Care** form, simplifying the language to make it easier for patients to understand.
- **Remove** barriers to provision of **telehealth** services and added protection for patients whose health plans cover telemedicine.
- **Incorporate** reasonable precautions into a bill designed to help **homeless children** get medical care, requiring verification of the minor's unaccompanied status.
- **Protect** the right of **diabetic patients** and parents of diabetic children to administer insulin in any public or private location.

Stopped inappropriate scope of practice expansion to

- **Ensure** that **clinical psychologists** seeking a license to prescribe must meet strict education and training standards, and may not prescribe certain drugs or for certain patients. A written collaborative agreement with a practicing physician who treats mental illness is also required.
- **Blunt** an effort by **dentists** to provide a variety of vaccines, limiting them to flu shots for adults, and only after sensible requirements are met.
- **Prevent** licensure of **naturopaths** as "naturopathic physicians."
- **Block** expansion of **pharmacists'** authority to administer the meningococcal vaccine (SB 3277) and an attempt to allow pharmacists to substitute biosimilar drugs without notifying the physician.
- **Stop** attempts by **physical therapists** to treat patients without physician referrals (SA1 to SB 637) and to use dry needling in their treatments.
- **Ensure** that **epi-pens** can only be prescribed by physicians or other professionals under appropriate supervision or collaboration, and that these professionals are shielded from liability.



Informed and worked with legislators to

- **Amend** a proposal requiring **mandatory physician training** on recognizing child abuse and neglect, making it voluntary with a positive incentive for participation.
- **Defeat** mandated testing of newborns for cytomegalovirus (CMV).
- **Stop** a mandate to legislate the practice of medicine for **mammography services** that would require a discussion on breast density cancer risks, despite no supporting scientific guidelines on the subject.





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