



2022 ADVOCACY AGENDA

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SC HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION

WORKFORCE

The healthcare workforce is facing unprecedented shortages at all levels. Broad efforts to improve education, training, recruitment, and retention of patient care providers are needed to meet the needs of patients in South Carolina.

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

South Carolina lacks a robust, coordinated behavioral health system to meet the needs of the state's citizens. Improving capacity, updating reimbursement for behavioral health services, and building a larger workforce are important steps for meeting this need.

COVID-19 LESSONS LEARNED

The pandemic continues to shed light on areas where we can improve for more optimal operations as a health care industry and state. Changes to regulations can be made to ease some unnecessary burdens in workforce, licensing, and more.

REFORM, BUT DON'T REPEAL, CERTIFICATE OF NEED

The Certificate of Need program in South Carolina is in need of reform, but there are aspects of the program that are important to protecting access to healthcare for underserved populations. SCHA proposes broad changes to the program to improve efficiency while maintaining the benefits of CON.