

2025 Legislative Wrap-Up

Session Highlights

Medical Society of Virginia (MSV) members sent over **1,500** VoterVoice messages across **7** campaigns to all **140** members of the General Assembly in support or opposition to legislation affecting the practice of medicine in Virginia

Held three lobby days and six student lobby days with over **475** physicians, PAs, and students in attendance. Collectively, we met with **124 of 140** members of the House and Senate to advocate for our legislative priorities

Tracked over
400
bills and
budget amendments

Legislative Successes

Reporting Threats and Acts of Violence in Hospitals

The MSV worked with Senator Aird and Delegate Tran to require hospitals to develop a reporting system to document, track, and analyze incidents of workplace violence. Hospitals are required to report this data to their Chief Medical Officer, Chief Nursing Officer, and the Department of Health. The bill also establishes a work group to make recommendations to the General Assembly on how this data can be reported to the public in the future.

Reforming Certificate of Public Need (COPN)

The MSV remains committed to increasing access to care and decreasing costs for patients by reforming Certificate of Public Need (COPN). The MSV worked with Senator Hashmi on legislation to allow some psychiatric projects to move through the expedited review process, drastically reducing the administrative costs of the COPN process and increasing access to healthcare.

Expanding SafeHaven[®] Protections

In 2020 the MSV led Virginia to become the first state in the nation to pass legislation to allow physicians and PAs to seek treatment for career fatigue and burnout without fear of repercussions to their medical license. Over the past few years, we have expanded these protections to nurses, pharmacists, medical students, and dentists. This session, the MSV worked with Delegate Hope to expand protections to all providers licensed by the Department of Health Professions.

Medical Malpractice

Senator Stanley introduced legislation that sought to repeal the medical malpractice cap in instances when a patient is under ten years of age. The MSV led a coalition of dozens of specialty societies, healthcare provider organizations, and hospitals in opposition to this bill. After reporting from the Senate Courts Committee, the bill was successfully defeated in the Senate Finance and Appropriations Committee.

Health Insurance Carrier Fees

The MSV worked with Senator Head and Delegate Shin on legislation to require health insurers and their third-party payors to disclose any transaction fees on payments and provide a payment option that does not include any fees. This legislation will save practices thousands of dollars a month in administrative costs.



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