



ACCESS TO CARE

- **Telehealth Expansion**
 - Legislation to retain some of the expanded COVID-19 telehealth policies, such as access to audio-only services, coverage for additional E/M services, and continued payment parity for all diagnoses, not just services related to COVID-19.
- **Mental Health Parity**
 - Legislation to require insurers to demonstrate compliance with federal law in how they design and apply managed care techniques for mental health and addiction treatment to ensure coverage is no more restrictive than for any other medical condition.
- **Copay Accumulator**
 - Legislation that would prohibit payers from enacting co-pay accumulator policies that do not count third-party financial assistance (e.g., co-pay cards) toward a patient's out-of-pocket costs. For many Kentuckians, co-pay assistance programs are the only way they can afford the care they need.



LIABILITY PROTECTIONS

- **COVID-19**
 - Legislation that grants immunity for providers who in good faith render care or treatment of a COVID-19 patient during the state of emergency. The 2020 Senate Bill 150, while well-intended, only provides a defense, not immunity against claims. Coronavirus-related lawsuits are already being filed across the country. Health care providers need protection from such actions.



PUBLIC HEALTH

- **Prior Authorization for MAT**
 - Legislation that would remove prior authorization requirements for FDA-approved medications used to treat opioid use disorder.
- **Deceptive Advertising**
 - Legislation that would regulate drug injury advertisements. KMA supported this during the 2019 and 2020 legislative sessions.
- **Tobacco Local Control**
 - Legislation that would give county and city governments control to regulate the use, display, sale, and distribution of tobacco products, including e-cigarettes.
- **Tobacco Prevention & Cessation Funding**
 - Restore the funding level for Kentucky's tobacco prevention and cessation program to 2020 levels (\$3.3 million) for fiscal year 2022. The program is funded at only \$2 million for fiscal year 2021.

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