

MSDC Advocacy Priorities

In the 26th Council period, MSDC advocacy priorities include:

Quality

- Prescription costs are reduced through prescription coverage reforms
- Healthcare teams are physician-led and medical roles are performed by professionals with appropriate training
- Medical facilities are safe for practitioners especially from violence
- Reimbursement is determined by best medical practice and physician stakeholders, not insurer cost savings

Equity

- Medical liability laws are reformed to protect quality care
- The sanctity of the physician-patient relationship is protected from governmental intrusion, including reproductive and gender affirming care
- Prior authorization reforms are implemented for all patients regardless of insurance type
- Insurance coverage is affordable and comprehensive for all DC residents, regardless of underlying medical conditions.

Compassion

- Resources for healthcare worker burnout, mental health, and personal wellness are accessible without prejudice
- Medical license and hospital credential applications are reformed to prevent discrimination against physicians in monitoring or who have successfully completed a monitoring program.
- Healthcare is patient-centered, culturally humble, and delivered to all individuals regardless of background or situation

Diversity

- The healthcare community is a model for a diverse and inclusive workforce
- The medical community champions principles of diversity, equity, inclusion, and belonging (DEIB), including promotion of anti-racism efforts and support for sexual and gender diverse populations as well as evidence-based, structural reform of demographic data collection, such as disaggregation of data based on race and ethnicity, to ensure appropriate and equitable care
- The diversity of practice types is protected by certificate of need process reform, medical malpractice updates, and incentives to ensure sustainability of private practice in the District.