

# SOUTH CAROLINA HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION 2025 Legislative Priorities



## STATE BUDGET



### Department of Health and Human Services

- Fully fund the SCDHHS/Medicaid budget request to support maintenance of effort, behavioral health initiatives, and enhanced funding for graduate medical education



### Workforce Funding

- Continued funding for the Commission on Higher Education Nursing Initiative and the SC WINS scholarship program
- Funding for tuition mitigation, pilot programs, and educational opportunities for allied health professionals



### Law & Order Proviso

- Funding for workplace safety enhancement grants to protect patients & employees



### DMH Alternative Transportation (\$4.5M) & Patient Bed Capacity Funding (\$12.4M)

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## PRIORITY LEGISLATION SCHHA WILL LEAD



### Lawsuit Reform

- Advocating for revisions to the definition of an Occurrence and clarity around damages and Gross Negligence claims against our member hospitals



### 340 B Program

- Protect access to the 340B program for SC hospitals and vulnerable patient populations



### Itemized Billing

- Support consumer transparency with electronic itemized bills or, if requested, hard copies



### Surgical Technologist Certification

- Identify grace period for certification for new hires that are either recent graduates or have been previously employed in another state.
- Include alternative pathway(s) for certification
- State agency approval for other/internal certification programs



### Workplace Safety / Law & Order

- Inclusion of healthcare facilities as educational campuses with enhanced penalties for carrying firearms
- Preserve the right for hospitals to pursue assault charges on behalf of employees

## OTHER LEGISLATION SCHHA WILL SUPPORT / ENGAGE



1. Anesthesiologist Assistants ratio (support an increase from 1:2 to 1:4)
2. Other Scope of Practice Efforts (APRNs, PAs, etc)
3. Interstate Medical Licensure Compact
4. Alternative Transportation Legislation requested by DMH



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