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*MN-ACP is dedicated to fostering excellence, education and professionalism among all internists in our community and to work together to shape the future of health care in Minnesota*

## 2020 MN-ACP Legislative Priorities:

### **Improve Public Health**

- Reduce gun injuries and deaths in Minnesota
- Support local and state legislative efforts to pass Tobacco-21 ordinances and to reduce access for tobacco, e-cigarettes, vaping cartridges to those under 18 years of age.
- Support appropriate and effective legislative/regulatory interventions in the opioid crisis, ensuring that these do not include overzealous restrictions/burdens on clinicians and patients
- Reduce suicide deaths in Minnesota and increase access to mental health resources statewide
- *Support environmental health efforts to ensure healthy families, clean water, clean air, and a healthy climate*

### **Improve Patient Affordability and Health/Behavioral Health Access**

- Support continued Medicaid and MinnesotaCare coverage and oppose cuts (to benefits, eligibility, or provider payments)
- Support continued funding of Medicaid and MinnesotaCare that ensures access to health care for all those eligible for these programs
- Support solutions for affordable health insurance for those who buy health insurance in the individual market but who do not qualify for federal subsidies. This could be a new reinsurance program or a MinnesotaCare buy-in if clinicians receive Medicare payment rates.
- *Support improvements in access to services which disproportionately burden rural households*
- *Support efforts to make essential medications more affordable for patients*

### **Support Minnesota Physicians' Ability to Practice**

- Support electronic exchange of health information including modifications in Minnesota data privacy law to facilitate greater utility of the MN Health Information Exchange
- Prior authorization reform to reduce the burden on clinicians who are trying to prescribe the clinically most appropriate medications for patients.