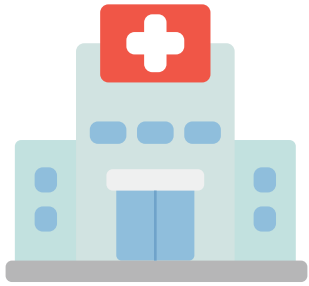


Expand the Physician Workforce

Iowa faces a physician shortage crisis, ranking **44th in the nation for physicians per capita**. This means longer patient wait times, greater workloads, and higher physician burnout. Governor Reynolds proposed a robust plan to bolster the physician workforce by:



Increasing the number of **residency slots** at Iowa teaching hospitals by **115 per year**.

Investing in **maternal health care** Medicaid rates.



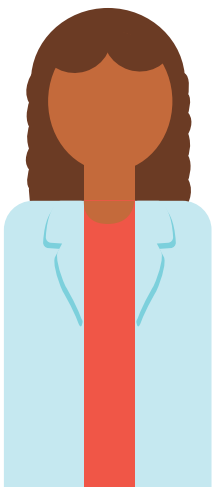
Streamlining and increasing funding for **health care loan repayment programs** to support high demand specialties and practice locations for individuals who commit to practice in Iowa.

Support Governor Reynold's **health care workforce package** to bolster the physician workforce.



Reform Prior Authorization

Prior Authorization is the requirement that physicians obtain pre-approval from a health insurance carrier **before the patient receives coverage** for a medical treatment.



This practice is an administrative burden that:

- **Prevents** patients from receiving care. Physicians spend approximately 45 minutes on paperwork for every 30 minutes of patient care.
- Contributes to **burnout**, causing physicians to **exit the workforce**.
- Causes care **delays**, treatment **abandonment**, increased **costs**, and **adverse health events**.



Support **HSB 19** and **SSB 1016** to reduce the administrative burden of prior authorization and ensure patients receive timely healthcare services.