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TMA'S LEGISLATIVE AGENDA HEALTHY VISION **2025**

2020-21 Budget

- ✓ \$52 million more for women's health programs
- ✓ \$50 million more for community mental health services
- ✓ \$7 million more for measures to reduce maternal mortality and morbidity
- ✓ \$8 million more for children's mental health
- ✓ \$31 million more for the early childhood intervention program

Telemedicine

- ✓ Rules specifying that physicians – not health plans – can choose what telemedicine platform to use
- ✓ A requirement that Medicaid cover telemedicine services

86TH TEXAS LEGISLATURE **TMA ADVOCACY WINS**

Scope of Practice

- ✓ Defeat for more than 20 dangerous scope bills, including one that would have allowed advanced practice registered nurses (APRNs) to practice without physician supervision
- ✓ Simplified supervision requirements for APRNs and physician assistants with delegated prescriptive authority agreements

Insurance

- ✓ More explicit prior authorization procedures; transparency regarding denials, requirements, and reviews; and simplified renewal of expired requests
- ✓ A requirement that health plans maintain searchable, accurate network directories
- ✓ Network adequacy reviews for both PPOs and exclusive provider organizations



Child and Maternal Health

- ✓ An increase to age 21 for buying tobacco and vaping products
- ✓ A halt to bad immunization bills that would have eased the vaccine exemption process, or interfered with how physicians administer care
- ✓ Improved care for high-risk pregnancies related to opioid use disorder, and for newborns with neonatal abstinence syndrome

Find more on these legislative wins at **[texmed.org/PCPWins2019](https://www.texmed.org/PCPWins2019)**, and check back for updates on all the ways Texas medicine prevailed during the legislative session at **[texmed.org/legislature](https://www.texmed.org/legislature)**.

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