## 86TH TEXAS LEGISLATURE
### TMA ADVOCACY WINS

**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

**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 EPOs

**Telemedicine**
- ✔ Rules specifying that physicians—not health plans—can choose what telemedicine platform to use
- ✔ A requirement that Medicaid cover telemedicine services

**Scope of Practice**
- ✔ Defeat for more than 20 dangerous scope bills, including one that would have allowed APRNs to practice without physician supervision
- ✔ Simplified supervision requirements for APRNs and PAs with delegated prescriptive authority agreements

**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

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