

### BOTH House and Senate

- We are IAFP
  - Who We Are, What We Do, Where We Practice –
  - **Family physicians are responsible for approximately one in five of all medical office visits in the United States per year—more than any other specialty.**
  - **Serving the under-served:** Family physicians are the foundation of our primary care clinics to the underserved, the FQHCs. Our members train there, work there, and teach there.
- Medicaid patients depend on family physicians for their care
- We support health equity in every community: health care needs to be active in the non-health agenda. Education, housing, poverty, and racism are all important drivers of health.
- We promote public health (immunizations/vaccinations, tobacco cessation, diabetes prevention, stemming the opioid crisis)
- Refer to and share the Importance of Family Medicine in Illinois fact sheet

### Senate

- Support SB1561 (Include E-cigarettes in Smoke-Free Illinois) It passed out of the Senate Executive Committee. This bill would:
  - Protect against secondhand exposure to nicotine and other potentially harmful chemicals
  - Ensure the enforcement of existing smoke-free laws are not compromised
  - Ensure that the public health benefits of smoke-free laws are not undermined
- Oppose SB1586 (Clinical Psychologists Prescribing) Assigned to Senate Behavioral and Mental Health
  - Clinical psychologists in Illinois can already prescribe to patients 17-65 years of age. This bill would allow them to prescribe to children and seniors, two of the most medically complex patient groups in health care. Allowing non-physicians who lack medical training to prescribe to some of Illinois' most vulnerable people is dangerous.
  - Psychologists are an important part of the mental health care team working in partnership with trained physicians. They should not be used as underprepared "replacements."

### House

- Support HB1237 (Aging Equity Act) Assigned to State Government Administration Committee
  - This bill will establish an Aging Equity Planning Commission, co-chaired by the Governor's Office and the Illinois Department on Aging.
  - This commission's purpose is to research and create policy, practice, and programmatic recommendations for a Strategic Action Plan for Aging Equity in Illinois.