

The graphic for "2025 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES" is set against a dark teal background. The year "2025" is written in a large, white, sans-serif font. Below it, the words "LEGISLATIVE" and "PRIORITIES" are stacked in a smaller, white, sans-serif font. The background of the entire page is a light blue-tinted photograph of the Tennessee State Capitol building, showing its classical architecture with columns and a central dome.

TENNCARE PROVIDER REMEDY PLAN

TennCare exists as a safety net program to protect our most vulnerable citizens, yet current reimbursement rates make it difficult for physicians and medical practices to financially afford to participate. TMA will work to protect access to TennCare for the publicly-insured by improving provider rates and network adequacy.

PRIOR AUTHORIZATION NOTICE

In 2022, the Tennessee General Assembly passed legislation requiring both health care providers and health plans to notify patients when further information is needed to obtain a prior authorization approval. The law not only confuses patients, but it creates unnecessary administrative burden for the entity that has not requested anything— most often the physician. TMA will amend the current statute to clarify that only the entity requesting additional information be responsible for notifying the patient.

LETHAL FETAL ANOMALIES

A 2024 TMA survey showed that nearly 83% of physician respondents feel the Human Life Protection Act does not offer sufficient legal protections to lawfully terminate pregnancies to save the life or prevent irreversible impairment of major bodily function of the mother. TMA will work to further clarify the law by codifying specific situations in which termination may be medically necessary, such as fetal anomalies that are incompatible with life outside the womb.