



November 2023

## Legislative Advocacy



On Wednesday, October 18, 2023, Senator Dave Syverson, Senator Steve Stadelman, Representative Maurice West, II, Representative Joe Sosnowski, and Representative John Cabello met with Winnebago County Medical Society members. Topics for discussion included scope of practice issues, mandated training, and insurance reform.

**Scope of Practice**, there may be many bills submitted for non-physicians to increase their ability to work independently. Physician assistants may introduce a bill for independent practice. Pharmacists to bill for testing deemed appropriate and treating certain conditions. Certified Nurse Anesthetists independent practice.

**Mandated Training** of up to twelve hours on specific areas that do not pertain to one's specialty takes time away from physicians' time to access training related to their different specialties. Physicians should decide where they should concentrate their continuing education efforts. We oppose additional mandates.

The need for **insurance reform** was discussed. The Prior Authorization Act passed in 2021 needs to be enforced. Commercial Plans and Managed Care Organizations, MCO's, are not following the law. Patients who have chronic conditions and on effective treatments are getting notices from payers that treatment must be prior authorized and moved to a generic or cheaper treatment. Insurance companies fail to provide reasons why they deny testing/prescription medications. The Network Adequacy Act – Amend to include hospital-based contracted specialties, such as ER, pathologists, and radiologists. (anesthesiologists are already included).

We look forward to continuing the conversations on healthcare and related legislation with our legislators.

## Annual Golf Play Day Held



The Winnebago County Medical Society (WCMS) Golf Play was held on Wednesday, August 16, 2023 at Aldeen Golf Club. The weather was fantastic although a bit warm, and golfers and sponsors enjoyed the day.

1<sup>st</sup> place: Dave Beto, Jonathan Hyton, Jeff Beto, Greg Gregory  
2<sup>nd</sup> place: Mike Rose, Andrew Geddes, Scott Weintraub, Steve Linden  
3<sup>rd</sup> place: Travis Andersen, Steve Milos, Jim Cole, Marissa Milos  
Highest Score: Tiffanie Ferry, Abbie Castrogiovanni, Heather Sliva, and Kylie Rosado  
Women's longest drive: Marissa Mills  
Men's longest drive: Jason Dobran  
Longest putt: Scott Ferry  
Closest to the pin # 5: Flavio Cordano  
Closest to pin #7: Travis Andersen  
Closest to the pin #13: Theresa Harezlak  
Closest to the pin #15: Marconi Deladisma  
Mike Rose Athletico Award: Tiffanie Ferry

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