

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

General Health

We support:

1. comprehensive, universal, single-payer healthcare for all, including but not limited to:
 - a. reproductive health
 - b. acute/LTC/ALF, community-based services
 - c. wellness/prevention programs
 - d. addiction services
 - e. evidenced-based holistic/functional medicine/services
 - f. reimbursement rates for providers/caregivers equal to UCR
 - g. all brain disorders/injuries
 - h. affordable or no copay medications
 - i. evidence-based Compound/Natural medications
 - j. telemedicine
 - k. Narcan/Naloxone for first responders trained in its administration
 - l. statewide EMS Services
 - m. transgender healthcare
 - n. medical, assistive devices, vision, hearing, and dental
2. medical end-of-life options
3. expanding access to medical cannabis
4. state EHR exchanges
5. healthcare staffing based on acuity/care-levels

We oppose:

6. privatizing Medicaid
7. denying or providing substandard medical services due to religious/personal bias
8. exemptions to ISAA
9. Medicaid block grants
10. restricting research on gun violence or stem-cells
11. waiting lists for HCBS waivers
12. Iowa Non-Covered Services Law
13. discrimination against LGBTQQAAL+ in healthcare

Adult, Aged, Disabled and Abused Persons

We support:

14. accessibility for all

15. rigorous, timely state inspections of: SNF, ALF, MIMR facilities
16. fully funding:
 - a. OAA/LTCOP
 - b. dementia research while expanding diagnosis/care
 - c. elder-abuse prevention
 - d. AAA
 - e. full spectrum continuing care, financial aid/legal assistance for abused persons
 - f. VAWA
17. national database for convicted abusers
18. consumer representation on HHS review boards
19. training, support and tax credits for at-home caregivers
20. LTC coverage prior to hospitalization
21. 911/EMS responder abuse-recognition education

Children and Families

We support:

22. increasing inspections of childcare centers
23. fully funding:
 - a. child welfare systems
 - b. child/maternal/prenatal health programs
 - c. preventing child abuse/neglect/obesity
 - d. BASP
 - e. CSRA and DPPA
 - f. high-quality, subsidized childcare
 - g. family support programs
 - h. youth homeless shelters
 - i. children's mental health system
 - j. CHIP/HAWK-I
24. mandatory NCARs
25. SNAP/WIC expansion
26. background checks for childcare workers
27. gender-neutral guardianship
28. kinship-care/foster-care parity
29. funding foster children through age 26
30. strengthening/expanding ASFA, DHS/Ombudsman in foster care

We oppose:

22. non-medical exemptions to immunizations
23. gender-assignments at birth

Human Services

We support:

24. transitional programs from shelters, prisons into care, treatment, permanent housing
25. Medicaid for all autistic individuals
26. contraceptives/abortion coverage
27. maintaining/strengthening SS, MC/MD, Public Transportation, disaster relief, safety-net programs
28. child/dependent-adult protective services meeting all standards with minimal overtime
29. funding/organizing IEMS for standardized statewide coverage
30. GHS activities overseen by CDC
31. research/prevention/treatment addressing opioid epidemic including Naloxone Funding
32. equitable health insurance premiums
33. evidence-based medical cannabis education for medical providers
34. effective FDA drug-approval
35. vitamins/supplements labeling for side-effects/drug interactions

We oppose:

36. limiting medical malpractice/negligence claims

Mental Health

We support:

37. mental health parity/availability/affordability
38. restoring/expanding MHIs
39. funding:
 - a. tobacco/substance-abuse treatment
 - b. suicide awareness/prevention programs
40. jail diversion programs/courts
41. effective treatment length
42. mental health training/awareness for 911 responders
43. sufficient funding for CMHCs
44. funding for emergency committal beds/transportation

Reproductive Rights and Family Planning

We support:

45. rights/choice of women/individuals to comprehensive reproductive healthcare
46. Roe vs. Wade
47. fully funding:
 - a. comprehensive family planning programs/providers
 - b. Planned Parenthood
 - c. HIV/STD/STI/cancer testing/screening
48. free barrier-based contraceptives in public schools
49. regulating Crisis Pregnancy Centers
50. breastfeeding/lactation accommodations (not restrooms)
51. certified nurse midwives care

We oppose:

52. restricting access to medically necessary abortions
53. personhood for fetuses
54. restricting access to abortions using TRAP laws or harassment
55. forced sterilization, castration, genital mutilation including default circumcision
56. Iowa's Fetal Heartbeat bill
57. conversion therapy
58. parental consent/notification for contraceptives/abortion for minors

ACRONYMS USED IN THIS SECTION

AAA - Area Agency on Aging
ALF – Assisted-Living Facilities
ASFA - Adoption and Safe Families Act
BASP - Before & After School Programs
CDC - Centers for Disease Control
CHIP - Children's Health Insurance Program
CMHCs – Community Mental Health Centers
CSRA - Child Support Recovery Act
DHS - Department of Human Services
DPPA - Deadbeat Parents Punishment Act
EHR – Electronic Health Record
EMS – Emergency Medical Services
FDA – Food and Drug Administration
HAWK-I - Healthy and Well Kids in Iowa
HCBS - Home and Community Based Services
HHS – Health and Human Services
HIV – Human Immunodeficiency Virus
HUD – Housing and Urban Development
IEMS - Iowa Emergency Medical Services

ISAA - Iowa Smoke-Free Air Act
LGBTQQAAI+ – Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Questioning/Queer, Asexual, Allies, Intersex, and Pansexual
LTC – Long-Term Care
LTCOP - Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program
MC/MD - Medicare/Medicaid
MHI – Mental Health Institutions
MIMR – Mental Illness Mental Retardation
NCAR – National Child Abuse Registries
NIH – National Institutes of Health
NSF – National Science Foundation
OAA – Older Americans Act
SAA – Smokefree Air Act
SNAP - Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program
SNF – Skilled Nursing Facilities
SS - Social Security
STD – Sexually Transmitted Disease
STI - Sexually Transmitted Infection
TRAP -
UCR – Usual and Customary Rates
VAWA – Violence Against Women’s Act
WIC – Women, Infants, and Children