Purpose and Responsibilities of the IHLA Legislative Committee



Monitoring State Legislation Affecting Medical Practice

Legislative Tracking

The committee collaborates with Conlin Strategies to stay updated on state and legislative developments impacting healthcare practices.

Timely Response

Prompt action is taken based on legislative developments to protect the interests of healthcare practices in the state of lowa.

Informed Recommendations

The committee provides member documentation about specific legislation as needed.

Conlin Strategies and Their Role with IHLA

Who is Conlin State Strategies (CSS)?



Dennis Tibben





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Experienced Advocacy Leadership

Founded by Andrew Conlin, the firm benefits from over 20 years of legislative policy and public affairs expertise.

State-Level Advocacy Focus

Conlin Strategies specializes in state-level advocacy with strong connections in Iowa and across all 50 states.

Strategic Policy Influence

The firm is recognized for influencing policy, securing appropriations, and guiding diverse clients strategically.

Trusted Advisor Role

Conlin Strategies serves as a trusted advisor to key policymakers and business leaders navigating complex legislation.

Government Relations Advisors for IHLA



Strategic Legislative Guidance

Conlin Strategies provides expert advice on legislative engagement and administrative healthcare policy issues important to IHLA members. They evaluate bills that may impact IHLA members.

Committee Review and Request for Input

The firm works closely with IHLA leadership and the Legislative Committee. They may request input from membership related to the potential impacts, benefits and risks of proposed legislation.

Member Engagement

Conlin Strategies offers an opportunity for members to engage in government affairs. IHLA members can contribute insight, feedback and data from their practice that may influence or have impact on a bill.

Monitoring New Prior Auth Bill

From Conlin Strategies:

- Prior Authorization Reform & Transparency
 - Establishes Determination Timelines
 - Annual Payer Review of Authorization
 Criteria
 - Annual Payer Reporting to Insurance Commissioner
 - First Statewide Data on Administrative Barriers to Care



Member Benefits and Legislative Support

New 2025 Member Benefit

Exclusive Government Relations Access

IHLA members gain exclusive access to Conlin Strategies' government relations expertise.

Weekly Legislative Summaries

Members receive weekly updates summarizing key policy developments and legislative changes.

Real-Time Legislative Alerts

Real-time alerts keep members informed of major legislative changes promptly.

Enhanced Member Engagement

Benefit empowers members to make informed decisions and engage proactively in policy advocacy.

Legislative Session Updates

Pre-Session Planning

Conlin Strategies aids in strategy planning and identifying key issues before the legislative session begins.

Mid-Session Tracking

Members receive real-time updates on legislative developments, advocacy, and strategic insights during the session.

Post-Session Summary

After the session, members get summaries of legislative outcomes and advice on next steps.

Continuous Member Support

Ongoing connection with the state capitol strengthens IHLA's influence on healthcare policy.

Committee Membership and Representation



Representation Across the State

Committee Members

One of the goals of the committee is to include IHLA members from all congressional districts to ensure broad representation across regions. This insures we are tracking issues that affect our membership.

Patient Population Representation

Representation from multispecalities and regions ensures the committee understands the needs of diverse patient populations across the state.

Involvement

Legislative experience is not needed. Your expertise is your healthcare experience.

2026 Session & Election Preview



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Key Dates



January 12: Session Convenes

February 20: First Funnel Deadline

March 20: Second Funnel Deadline

April 21: 100th Day of Session (End of Per Diem)

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Dynamics to Watch

Legislative Leadership Changes

Outgoing Reynolds Administration

Carbon Capture Pipeline & Eminent Domain

Property Tax Reform Efforts

Tight State Budget & HHS Budget Backfill



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Anticipated Healthcare Discussions

Workforce Shortages

Market Competition

Certificate of Need Report

Behavioral Health Investments

Federal Matching Fund Changes

