



**Florida Society for Healthcare
Risk Management & Patient Safety**

2026 Public Policy Priorities

The Florida Society for Healthcare Risk Management and Patient Safety (FSHRMPS) is the leading voice on issues related to healthcare risk management, patient safety, and healthcare quality. Our goal is to advocate for public policy that benefits patients through a safe, trusted, and accessible healthcare system.

The ability of healthcare providers, systems and facilities to deliver high quality care is increasingly affected adversely by the civil tort system. Our society is concerned about legislative changes to the law which may increase the financial exposure of healthcare providers, systems and facilities to civil liability and reduce the financial resources necessary to provide safe, trusted and accessible healthcare.

Balancing patient safety and patient rights is a delicate process, which can be complicated by various legislative and regulatory requirements. Our society works alongside state and federal partners to advocate for clear public policy and regulatory oversight that improves patient safety and increases access to healthcare providers, systems and facilities.

Appropriate access to behavioral health care remains a challenge for many Floridians and is especially challenging for some of the most vulnerable populations: specifically, individuals with developmental disabilities (including autism), traumatic brain injuries, and dementia. This subset of our population is specifically excluded from qualifying for emergency mental health services under the Florida Mental Health Act (commonly known as the Baker Act) and significant hurdles remain to obtain services for individuals seeking support from state-funded programs. Our society supports legislation that provides enhanced availability of the necessary behavioral and supportive services for all individuals requiring them.