



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.

Appropriate access to behavioral health care remains a challenge for many Floridians but remains 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. FSHRMPS supports legislation that provides enhanced availability of the necessary behavioral and supportive services for all individuals requiring them.

Balancing patient safety and patient rights is a delicate process, which can be complicated by various regulatory requirements. FSHRMPS works alongside state and federal partners to advocate for clear regulations that improve patient safety, while advocating against those regulatory changes that are unduly burdensome and or ambiguous.

The ability of healthcare providers and institutions to deliver high quality care is increasingly affected adversely by the civil tort system. FSHRMPS advocates for and against legislative changes to the law which impact the exposure of healthcare providers to civil liability.