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**While Democrats want to put bureaucrats in charge of your health care, Republicans know the doctor-patient relationship is foundational to quality health care.** Republicans want to improve the patient care experience by allowing providers to focus on patients over paperwork, modernizing antiquated processes that delay patient care, and addressing provider shortages through oversight of health care workforce programs.

#### **GET WASHINGTON OUT OF THE DOCTOR'S OFFICE**

- Remove harmful federal mandates limiting doctors' time with patients, including ending the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) vaccine requirement for providers and updating hospital visitor guidance.
- Build on the Trump Administration's regulatory success by taking steps to improve quality metrics providers are judged by and ensure outdated measures are being eliminated.
- Ease the complexity of Electronic Health Records by working with providers and Health IT companies to reduce "clicks" required by providers and by setting data standards to improve operability, so the patient stays the main focus of the visit.

#### **ENSURE ACCESS TO QUALITY PROVIDERS**

- Increase oversight and transparency on historic investments in graduate medical education Congress made during the Trump Administration to ensure those investments are translating to improved care for seniors, veterans, and rural communities.
- Reauthorize the SUPPORT for Patients and Communities Act to strengthen recovery and treatment options for patients who want help with their mental health and substance-use disorders.
- Provide certainty surrounding provider reimbursement to ensure patients continue to have access to the services and care they need.

#### **PROVIDE TIMELY ACCESS TO CARE FOR PATIENTS**

- Reform prior authorization, which is a source of delayed patient care due to its misuse. Patients, in consultation with their doctors, should be in the driver's seat for their own medical decisions. Doctors – not distant health care bureaucrats - know what is best for their patients and serve as the first line of defense for a patient's unique medical needs.
- Improve care for seniors by streamlining and standardizing the use of prior authorization to encourage real-time decisions, eliminate unnecessary delays in care, and improve overall health outcomes.