

# 2019 Legislative Success in Florida



## Champion market-based healthcare solutions

- Florida's anticompetitive and harmful certificate of need laws are a thing of the past.
- Telehealth expansion is on the fast-track, with a patient-centered framework for innovation.
- Cost accountability through the patient savings act.
- Direct Primary Care expands into Direct Health Agreements, allowing networks to partner with specialists.
- Patients can now stay in ambulatory surgical centers for up to 24 hours, creating more options.



## Expand educational opportunity

- Adoption of a groundbreaking Family Empowerment Scholarship, which offers students the opportunity to enroll in a school that their parents consider the "best fit" for their child.
- The Gardiner Scholarship program for special needs students.
- Expansion of Florida's School of Hope program will bring more highly acclaimed charter schools to low-income communities.
- Florida's choice programs now serve more families – by far – than any other state.



## Promote innovation and entrepreneurialism

- The \$91 billion budget keeps spending steady with population growth, ensuring limited government is the norm.
- Business rent tax, which no other state levies, lowered from 5.7 to 5.5 percent.
- "Permissionless" innovation expanded with Florida's micromobility policy.



## Support sensible criminal justice reforms

- Felony theft threshold right-sized, from \$300 to \$750 – allowing correctional system to begin addressing higher-level challenges.
- Drivers' license suspension regulations reformed to stop penalizing individuals in ways that create future harm.
- Barriers to assisting those who were formerly incarcerated in gaining employment minimized via licensing reform efforts.



## Advance free-market reforms to Florida's property insurance system

- Abuses permeated in the property insurance arena by fraud and bad actors addressed through comprehensive reform of Assignment of Benefits provisions.
- Florida now the national leader in promoting innovation in transportation, via free enterprise insurance regulatory system and framework for autonomous vehicles.
- Florida's Supreme Court adopts the Daubert Standard for expert testimony, helping to address the atrocious legal climate.