



Realizing the West Virginia Miracle

2024 Policy Priorities

AT A GLANCE

REFORM

Occupational Licensing Regulations

ELIMINATE

Certificate of Need

EXPAND

Education Choice

OCCUPATIONAL LICENSING REFORM

In 1950, only 5% of workers needed a license to practice their profession in the United States. Today, almost 22% of all U.S. workers and 24% of West Virginians need a license for their job. To ensure that all Mountaineers can reach their full potential, the Cardinal Institute supports reforming occupational licensing laws to recognize licenses in good standing from other states and ensuring that a criminal record cannot arbitrarily restrict an individual from attaining a license.

Universal Occupational Licensing Recognition
Reforming Collateral Consequence Restrictions to Occupational Licensing

HEALTHCARE ACCESS FOR ALL

The Cardinal Institute aspires to create a future in West Virginia where our people can readily access the health care they need and desire at a lower cost through markets, not regulation.

Our efforts toward health care reform focus on individuals over government, paving the way for increases in coverage capabilities, quality of care, and the health of our state through free, open competition among providers.

Eliminate Certificate of Need

EDUCATIONAL FREEDOM

A strong education system is the foundation of a brighter future. The Cardinal Institute supports expanded eligibility and availability of existing options such as charter schools, the Hope Scholarship, microschoools, and open enrollment in the traditional public school system.

Expand Education Choice



In recent years, lawmakers have made remarkable policy strides that make the Mountain State a more attractive choice for individuals, families, and businesses. In 2024, West Virginia should continue that momentum with a focus on regulatory reforms that make it easier for everyday West Virginians to build their version of the American Dream at every stage of their lives.

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