How to learn about health policy and advocate for change

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Historic changes are happening now in health care policy. A new program lets you learn how these changes will affect medical students’ future practice environment and enables you to help your peers do the same.

The AMA Medical Student Section’s (MSS) Advocacy Champions Program connects medical students across the nation to strengthen health policy grassroots efforts. For students who are interested in health policy, the program is an opportunity to get more involved in advocacy efforts and inspire others to be active in organized medicine.

Students who are Advocacy Champions act as legislative liaisons between their medical schools and the AMA-MSS. The section hosts a special Advocacy School session at its annual meeting.

Being an Advocacy Champion “has given me the opportunity to be a part of the key conversations that will shape the future of health care and the way I care for my patients as a future physician,” said Elizabeth Fracica, a third-year medical student at Mayo Medical School. “To me, advocacy on behalf of my patients and my profession is not only my right but my responsibility.”

No prior experience is necessary. Fill out an application to be considered for a position.