Nominations for AMPAC Award for Political Participation now open

Awarded every two years by the AMPAC Board of Directors, the AMPAC Award for Political Participation recognizes an AMA or AMA Alliance member who has made significant personal contributions of time and talent in assisting friends of medicine in their quest for elective office at the federal and state level. These can include volunteer activities in a political campaign or a significant health care-related election issue such as a ballot initiative or referendum.

Nominees must be a current member of the AMA or AMA Alliance and AMPAC with preference given to members with a demonstrated history of AMPAC involvement. The deadline to submit nominations is Jan. 31. Find the full criteria for the AMPAC Award for Political Participation including how to submit a nomination.

New COVID-19 patient vaccine script

The AMA developed a template to assist physicians and practice staff in responding to the expected high volume of patient inquiries about COVID-19 vaccinations. The script can be tailored to reflect the unique circumstances in your practice and local guidelines, and can be updated as vaccine distribution and administration procedures change.

Feb. 1 is the MIPS application deadline for 2020 performance period
Hear from Michelle Schreiber, MD, deputy director, CMS, Koryn Rubin, assistant director, AMA Federal Affairs and Jennifer McLaughlin, JD, assistant director, AMA Federal Affairs in a new video as they discuss changes physicians need to know about the Merit-based Incentive Payment Program (MIPS) made by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) in response to the pandemic. Application deadline for the 2020 performance period is extended to Feb.1. To apply visit QPP.cms.gov.

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