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Staff directory

The American Medical Association Advocacy Resource Center is the AMA's state legislative advocacy unit that works hand-in-hand with state and national medical specialty societies on state-level issues important to physicians and their patients. The center's attorneys provide model legislative language, technical analysis and represent the AMA before numerous national policy-making organizations.

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- AMA Council on Legislation
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- Physician contracting practices
- Physician/health insurance and hospital markets

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- Medical marijuana/alcohol/illicit drugs
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- Physician-industry relations
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- Administrative simplification/utilization management
- Electronics health records/health information exchanges
- Health care data initiatives
- Patient costs/other patient issues
- Provider networks/out-of-network issues
- Quality and cost-of-care measurement
- State-based delivery and payment reform
- Transparency of benefits and coverage

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- Antitrust
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- Physician employment
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- Private payer reform
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- Coordinate all administrative operations
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- AMA Economic Impact Study
- Health disparities and LGBT issues
- Medicaid/CHIP
- Patient-physician relationship issues
- Physician business issues
- Program integrity
- Public health improvement
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- AMA Health Workforce Mapper
- GME funding issues
- Health Information technology
- Medical liability reform
- Medical board licensure issues
- Physician-led team-based care
- Physician work force
- Scope of practice/SOPP
- Telemedicine
- Truth in advertising

Additional resources

Effective lobbying of national state policy-making organizations

Our work with state and national medical specialty societies, as well as national state policymaking organizations is critical to helping organized medicine approach state-level advocacy in a strategic and coordinated manner. Our attorneys work closely with many national organizations, including:

- Administrators in Medicine
- American Public Health Association
- American Society of Medical Association Counsel
- American Tort Reform Association
- Federation of State Medical Boards
- National Academy for State Health Policy
- National Association of Attorneys General
- National Association of Insurance Commissioners
- National Association of Medicaid Directors
- National Association of State Budget Officers
- National Conference of Insurance Legislators
- National Conference of State Legislatures
- National Governors Association
- PIAA

Access two new AMA resources to enhance your advocacy efforts

- **The AMA Health Workforce Mapper** empowers you to create visually persuasive stories that can help to ensure a healthy work force for our country's patients.
ama-assn.org/go/healthworkforcemapper
- **The AMA Economic Impact Study** enables you to quantify physicians' hugely positive economic impact on our nation's economy to lawmakers, regulators and policymakers.
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State legislation model bill listing—topics and model bills

- Alcohol
- Animal research
- Antitrust
- Boxing
- Child and adolescent health
- Confidentiality and medical records
- Data collection and dissemination
- Discrimination
- Drugs and pharmacy
- End-of-life
- Environmental issues
- Firearms
- Health plans, insurance and payment coverage issues, and managed care issues
- Hospital and medical staff
- HIV/AIDS
- Immunization
- Legislatures and legislation
- Licensure, discipline and medical practice acts
- Medicaid
- Medical liability reforms
- Nonprofit health care entities
- Obesity
- Organ donation
- Pain medicine
- Peer review
- Physician self-referral
- Practice issues
- Reporting abuse
- Scope of practice
- State activities
- State regulatory issues
- Telemedicine
- Tobacco
- Transportation safety
- Truth in advertising
- Violence and intimidation of health care providers
- Women's health
- Workers' compensation