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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.
  ama-assn.org/go/eis

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