ARMA'S 2021 LEGISLATIVE SUCCESSES

TELEHEALTH LEGISLATION
Establishes pay parity for video telehealth encounters, payment of audio-only encounters, removal of site of service restrictions, and various guardrails to ensure that telehealth does not eliminate in-person care. Additionally, it creates an Advisory Committee to monitor and suggest additional reforms.

LIABILITY PROTECTION
Protects physicians and their practices from frivolous lawsuits arising out of the COVID-19 pandemic by codifying that a healthcare professional or institution is not liable for an act or omission arising from providing services related to the pandemic unless it can be shown by clear and convincing evidence that the act or failure to act was the fault of willful misconduct or gross negligence.

PRIOR AUTHORIZATION REFORM
The new law streamlines the administrative burden associated with prior authorization requests by requiring every insurance company to use standard two-page forms: one standard form for procedures and one standard form for medications.

PHYSICIAN RETALIATION PROTECTION
Protections for physicians and healthcare professionals against retaliatory actions if a concern is reported about an activity, policy, or practice that violates professional standards, is against the law, or poses a risk to the patient.

Support efforts like these in the upcoming legislative session by joining ArMA today! Visit azmed.org to learn more.
The Arizona Medical Political Action Committee (ArMPAC) is a voluntary, non-partisan PAC that supports candidates for office who understand the challenges physicians face today. We are driven by candidates and elected officials that go above and beyond for physicians and the patients they serve.

For the majority of ArMA members, advocacy is ArMA's single most important function. An active and financially strong ArMPAC is essential to get physician-friendly candidates elected, publicize our policy priorities to the public, and generate voter turnout from those who support our issues.

The 2021-22 election cycle is here, and with a number of healthcare issues at stake, ArMPAC needs your support. When you send in the enclosed dues invoice, there is a separate line for you to make an ArMPAC contribution. If you elect to pay your ArMA dues online, there is also an opportunity to contribute.

Support ArMPAC like your practice depends on it! Together, we will ensure that Arizona continues to be a place where all doctors thrive. Help us succeed in our mission by contributing today. For more information, please visit our website: armpac.org.

The Doctor of the Day program is a unique opportunity to show our lawmakers what Arizona physicians are all about. Each year, ArMA invites members to volunteer at the Capitol.

In exchange for providing medical assistance when needed, the program provides the opportunity to experience Arizona's legislative process firsthand and meet with legislators to offer personal views on issues that affect Arizona patients and their ability to receive quality healthcare.

The program coincides with the legislative session and typically runs from January through April, Monday through Thursday, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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