

# THIS IS HOW WE FIGHT.

The AMA is your powerful ally in patient care, focused on addressing the issues important to you, so you can focus on what matters most — your patients. See below for an update on our five advocacy priorities.

## REFORMING MEDICARE PAYMENT

### Protecting access to care.

- ▶ Provided more than 549,000 physicians and patients to date with a platform to contact their legislators: FixMedicareNow.org.
- ▶ Supporting the Medicare Patient Access & Practice Stabilization Act of 2025 (H.R. 879) to reverse the latest rounds of Medicare payment cuts.
- ▶ Wrote 200+ letters to policymakers in the past two years outlining physicians' needs and urging reform.
- ▶ Pushing for predictable, annual payment increases tied to the cost of inflation, known as the Medicare Economic Index (MEI).

## FIXING PRIOR AUTHORIZATION

### Physicians decide what's best for their patients — not insurance companies.

- ▶ Advocated for a CMS Final Rule that will reduce care delays in government-regulated insurance plans and increase transparency.
- ▶ Along with state medical associations, helped 13 states enact laws in 2024 that reduce care delays, with more to come this year.
- ▶ Advanced federal policies that increased interoperability, improving prior authorization processes and reducing EHR workflow burdens.

## PROMOTING PHYSICIAN-LED CARE

### Fighting scope creep with physician-led, team-based care.

- ▶ Awarded \$4 million in grants through the AMA Scope of Practice Partnership to state medical associations and national specialty societies.
- ▶ Blocked legislation allowing physician assistants to practice independently, pharmacists to diagnose and treat patients, optometrists to perform eye surgery and more.
- ▶ Expanded "Truth in Advertising" laws to ensure patients know who is treating them.

## REDUCING PHYSICIAN BURNOUT

### Addressing burnout at an organizational level.

- ▶ Recognized 130 health care organizations in 2023–24 for well-being efforts through the AMA Joy in Medicine™ Program.
- ▶ Supported "safe haven" legislation to enhance protections for physicians who seek wellness care.
- ▶ Partnered with the Dr. Lorna Breen Heroes' Foundation and its Wellbeing First Champion Challenge Program that verified 521+ hospitals removed stigmatizing mental health questions and language from their licensing/credentialing applications.

## MAKING TECHNOLOGY WORK FOR PHYSICIANS

### Ensuring technology is an asset, not a burden.

- ▶ Supporting the "CONNECT for Health Act" to expand Medicare telehealth coverage.
- ▶ Recommended regulatory and legislative actions to ensure AI meets the needs of physicians and patients.
- ▶ Urged Congress to strengthen cybersecurity in the wake of the Change Healthcare cyberattack.

## OUR ADVOCACY DOESN'T STOP HERE.

### We're fighting for physicians on multiple fronts, including:

- ▶ Pursuing solutions to the physician workforce crisis.
- ▶ Advocating to end the nation's drug overdose epidemic.
- ▶ Supporting efforts to improve maternal health outcomes.

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