

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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