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LEGISLATIVE SESSION SUMMARY — MAY 5, 2023

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2023 Legislative End of Session Summary

With the final gavel of the 2023 Legislative Session, we can now celebrate what can be described as an extraordinary legislative season.

Successes abounded, include the following:

- Pharmacy Benefit Manager Regulation (SB 1550). We have worked on this bill for four years, and it is undoubtedly the most thorough piece of legislation in the country. The result should be that our patients will have better access to the medications they need at lower prices.
- Use of Professional Titles (SB 230). Again, this is a bill at least five years in the making. The bill requires all health care providers to disclose, on their name badge, the type of profession they are practicing. It also prevents any practitioner who is not an MD or DO from referring to themselves as an “internist,” “gastroenterologist,” “cardiologist,” etc.

▪ Telehealth (HB 267). For the first time, telephone interactions will be an acceptable form of telehealth, and physicians may bill for such interactions (although private insurance companies may have their own policies).

▪ Self-Referral (SB 768). This bill relaxes the direct supervision requirements of many Designated Health Services and conforms Florida law to the federal Stark Law.

▪ On the defensive front, we defeated all attempts at Scope of Practice Expansion.

Admittedly, some issues will have to wait until next year, including bans on retroactive denials and step therapy protocols.

I would like to thank all of those who contacted their legislators and/or Christopher Nuland, Lobbyist and General Counsel during the 2023 Session. We should all be proud of our accomplishments this year.

Our profession and patients thank you for your advocacy.

ADVOCATES FOR INTERNAL MEDICINE NETWORK

Join more than 15,000 colleagues in the Advocates for Internal Medicine Network (AIMn) in advocating for the interests of internal medicine in Washington, D.C. The AIMn program is for ACP members interested in participating in federal advocacy. It is designed to help members engage with their federal lawmakers on policy issues important to ACP and internal medicine.

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LEGISLATIVE ACTION CENTER

As key issues approach the decision-making stage on Capitol Hill, the College emails or faxes legislative alerts to AIMn members through our Legislative Action Center (LAC). Legislative alerts include all of the necessary information (including sample messages that can be easily personalized) to make informative contacts with members of Congress, and ACP staff is always available to provide support and answer legislative questions.

Once enrolled as an Advocate you can use the College's LAC to respond easily to current ACP legislative alerts, identify your federal legislators, monitor important legislation, and e-mail or call your members of Congress.

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CAPITOL KEY NEWSLETTER

The Capitol Key is an e-newsletter distributed to AIMn members periodically throughout the year. It features the grassroots advocacy activities of AIMn members and news about key advocacy events.

The Capitol Key Newsletter:

<https://www.acponline.org/advocacy/advocates-for-internal-medicine-network/the-capitol-key-newsletter>