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## **FL Advocate Newsletter**

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### **CALL TO ARMS — FEBRUARY 14, 2020**

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We are so fortunate to have such dedicated and hard working lobbyists and staff who are diligently monitoring and advocating on our behalf to protect the practice of medicine. The Florida Chapter of the American College of Physicians and the Florida Medical Association have a long standing and close working relationship to protect the practice of medicine and our patients. I have previously sent out a call to arms for all of us to get more involved in advocacy and fight for the profession that we have all dedicated ourselves to serve. It is imperative, with the ongoing legislative battles, that we unite for the common good, and it is clear that we are under an all out assault. Organized medicine is actively managing the current legislative session, but we must also look to the future so we never have to fight these ridiculous and offensive scope of practice battles again. It is critical that everyone maintains their membership in both the Florida Chapter of the ACP, as well the Florida Medical Association and its Political Action Committee. If you have not joined or donated, please do so now. If you are a member, please increase your membership level so we can secure our profession, now and in the future.

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While the threats to Medicine are real, we are well-prepared for the fights that lie ahead. Please be on the watch for Call to Action in the next several weeks, as we will be “pulling out all the stops” to protect the Practice of Medicine.

As always, thank you for your service and dedication to the profession and the patients we serve.

### **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.

**Enroll now:** <https://cqrcengage.com/acplac/app/register?0&m=13815>

### **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.*

**Legislative Action Center:** <https://cqrcengage.com/acplac/home?0>