



Governor's Update

The weather outside may be frightful, but activities in the chapter are heating up!

I want to share a few things that are happening (you can read more details throughout this newsletter):

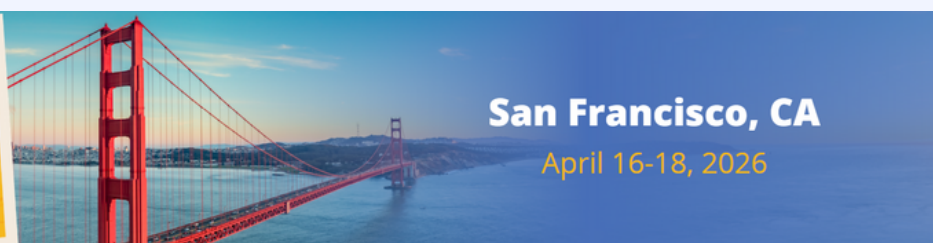


- The Kentucky Medical Association's 2026 Physicians' Day at the Capitol will be Wednesday, February 18th. There are a lot of important healthcare issues being discussed in Frankfort, and it's a great opportunity to work together with KMA to advocate for these issues. We encourage anyone who is available to join us in Frankfort.
- We are also encouraging anyone who is interested in going to Washington D.C. for ACP's Leadership Day May 12th and 13th. We may have funding to sponsor a medical student or resident to attend - please reach out to kyacpgovernor2022@gmail.com if you are planning to attend!
- Our committees are hard at work putting together some virtual webinars for the spring and summer - watch your email for more information in the coming months.
- I hope many of you will join us in San Francisco at IMM 2026 April 16-18, 2026.

This will be my last newsletter as Governor. It has been an honor and a privilege serving the internal medicine physicians of Kentucky. I look forward to working with Dr. Schaeffner as she takes over as Governor in April!

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ACP Annual Meeting - Early Bird Registration ends 1/31



KMA Physicians' Day at the Capitol



The Kentucky Medical Association is hosting
Physicians' Day at the Capitol
on February 18, 2026.

They are advocating for Prior Authorization
reform (**HB176**)

We encourage all Kentucky ACP Members
who are available to consider participating.

Register [here](#).

ACP LEADERSHIP DAY 2026

ACP Leadership Day will be held May 12-13, 2026 in Washington D.C.

This event enables the College to increase its presence on Capitol Hill and bring important issues impacting internal medicine physicians to Congress. This two-day event provides ACP members with advocacy training, an update on the College's legislative priorities, briefings from Members of Congress, and an opportunity to meet with your state's congressional delegation.

Register [here](#)!





Advocacy Corner

The 2026 regular session of the Kentucky General Assembly convened on January 6th and will continue for 60 days. Hundreds of bills and resolutions have already been filed.

Some of the healthcare bills of note include:

HB176 - prior authorization exemption program (just passed by the House)

HB2 - Kentucky Medicaid Reform Act

HB135 - Coverage requirements for breast examinations

HB103 / SB55 - Water fluoridation

HB230 / HB278 - Healthcare price transparency

HB250 / HB277 - School lunch and nutrition policies

HB107 – requires hospitals offering emergency services to have at least one board-certified physician on site and on duty.

SB12 would allow hospitals with a Level IV trauma center to staff emergency departments with an APRN or physician assistant supervised by an on-site or off-site physician.

ACTION NOW

SB116 has been introduced that would significantly alter the physician-physician assistant (PA) relationship by replacing the longstanding supervision model with a loosely defined collaboration framework throughout the PA Practice Act. **SB 116** would also expand PA prescribing authority to include Schedule II controlled substances and allow PAs to perform vision testing for the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet.

Physician Assistants are essential members of the physician-led healthcare team. However, **SB 116** represents a significant departure from the proven model by weakening physician oversight, increasing ambiguity around clinical responsibility, and opening the door to eventual independent practice by PAs.

Click [here](#) to contact your Senator and ask them to **OPPOSE SB 116**.

Legislative Message Line: (800) 372-7181

We encourage you to stay informed and engaged in what's happening in Frankfort. You can find the Kentucky State General Assembly website here. As we get updates on these and any other healthcare legislation being discussed we will forward it to you!

Do you have contacts in Frankfort?

As our chapter engages in increased advocacy efforts, it would help to have connections to lawmakers in Frankfort.

If you have special ties or relationships with elective officials in state or local government, please let us know! Email kyacpgovernor2022@gmail.com.