

2019 Advocacy Highlights



ACP's Efforts with CMS Led to Historic Wins:

- Reversed decision to pay flat fee for office visits regardless of their complexity; instead, pay will be based on office visit complexity
- Increased pay for all office visit codes
- Decreased documentation requirements for office visits
- Implemented payments for care coordination and prolonged services
- Increased the accessibility and interoperability of digital health information

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415 Meetings held on Capitol Hill on Leadership Day May 2019

130 Letters sent to Congressional Leadership or CMS

15k+ ACP Members in the Advocates for Internal Medicine network (AIMn)



Initiated a call-to-action by nation's leading physician and public health organizations for policies to reduce injuries and deaths from firearms; Congress agreed to fund CDC and NIH research on firearms injury prevention.



Released new policy recommendations and supported legislation that would stem the rising price of prescription drugs



Testified before the House Small Business Committee seeking to reduce the burden of medical student loan debt



Advocated to uphold and improve the Affordable Care Act; new policy paper offers ideas to close coverage gaps



Joined in an amicus brief detailing why Medicaid work requirements harm patients; work requirement subsequently blocked in Kentucky and Arkansas



Championed access to health care without regard to personal characteristics, gender and gender identity, race, sexual orientation, country of origin



Entered into court briefs to block laws that limit women's access to reproductive care and ban physicians from discussing appropriate treatment options; supported bills to reduce maternal mortality



AMA passed a resolution, based on one that ACP had introduced, directing further study of public options for health insurance



Supported efforts to curb smoking and e-cigarettes

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