

# ACP's State Health Policy Networking Webinar - 2023 Leadership Day

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## Recent Leadership Days

- Over 370 ACP members attended last year's Leadership Day from 44 states and the District of Columbia.
- 399 Congressional meetings scheduled by ACP National.
- Attendees included:
  - 91 Resident Fellows In Training
  - 30 BoG Members
  - 61 Medical Students
  - 47 First Time Attendees
- This was the first time since 2019 that members were able to gather in person for this flagship advocacy event due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.
- In 2017, 400 attended; In 2018, 389 attended and 2019, 415 attended.



# ACP's 2023 Leadership Day



- Will be held at the Salamander Hotel (formerly Mandarin) on May 23rd and 24th 2023.
- Registration is now open.

## What is Leadership Day?



- **Leadership Day is the College's annual two-day advocacy event in Washington, DC that enables our members from across the country to bring our issues of concern to U.S. lawmakers.**
- **This is a great opportunity for the College and our members to bring our policy priorities to Congress and try to influence the legislative process on behalf of internal medicine.**

# What is Leadership Day?



- A [Video](#) of Leadership Day is found here.



# How Can You Benefit From Leadership Day?

- **Participants can advocate with their elected officials and staff.**
- **Receive a comprehensive orientation on ACP's top legislative priorities.**
- **Earn Continuing Medical Education (CME) credits.**
- **Learn advocacy skills that can be utilized back home.**
- **Meet other internists who care about advocacy, including colleagues from your own state.**
- **Learn about policy issues that affect your profession and ability to provide quality care.**
- **Get to know ACP leaders and staff.**
- **Socialize and have a great time!**

# ACP Legislative Priorities for 2023



- Behavioral Health
- Health Care Access and Coverage – focus on Medicaid and telehealth
- Physician Payment and Delivery System Reform
- Patients Before Paperwork – focus on prior authorization reform
- Health and Workforce Equity – as a cross-cutting and standalone issue
- COVID-19 and Public Health Preparedness
- Prescription Drug Affordability
- Firearm Violence Prevention
- Reproductive Health Care
- Climate Change



# Potential LD Issue - Mental and Behavioral Health



- Bipartisan support in Congress to discuss the need to address mental health issues.
- ACP will urge Congress to support the **integration of behavioral health care into primary care.**
- We urged Congress to pass legislation, H.R. 5218, the *Collaborate in an Orderly and Cohesive Manner Act (CoCM)*, that would provide HHS grants to primary care physicians that choose to deliver behavioral health care through the Collaborative Care Model, last year.
- We believe this model, which allows patients to receive behavioral health care through their primary care doctor working collaboratively with a psychiatric consultant and a care manager to manage the clinical care of behavioral health patient caseloads, is one of several approaches and models for integrating effective care.

## Potential LD Issue

### Health Care Access and Coverage



- **Health Care Access and Coverage** – focus on Medicaid and telehealth.
- Medicaid expansion in non-expansion states.
- Medicaid pay parity to Medicare -ACP supports H.R. 1025, the *Kids Access to Primary Care Act*, a bipartisan bill to apply a Medicare payment rate floor to Medicaid primary care services.
- Defeat block grants.
- Making telehealth PHE flexibilities permanent beyond 2-year extension.

## Potential LD Issue Physician Payment Reform



- Last year Congress only offset 2.5 % rather than 4.5% requested of Medicare payment cuts associated with budget neutrality in the fee schedule. ACP will urge Congress to hold hearings on MACRA reform.
- ACP will urge Congress to readdress these cuts.
- MACRA should include annual positive inflationary updates for the physician community, make it easier to develop and implement alternative payment models and provide financial incentives for practices to move to alternative payment models.

## Potential LD Issue

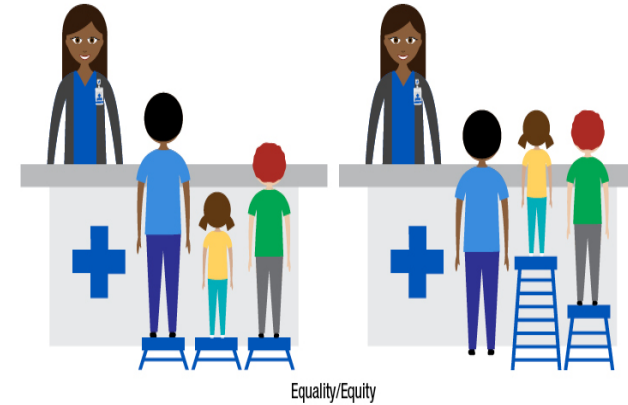
### Administrative Burden –Prior Authorization



- ACP supports policies to **streamline the prior authorization process for Medicare Advantage (MA) plans.**
- Congress is considering bipartisan legislation that would speed up the prior authorization process and mandate more transparency when health plans.
- *The Improving Seniors' Timely Access to Care Act* (H.R. 3173, S. 3018) would automate the prior authorization process in MA plans through electronic submission of prior authorization requests with real-time determinations by the MA plans.

# Potential LD Issue

## Health and Workforce Equity



- **Advance Equity in Health Care.**
- Contributing Factors - race, income level, LBGQTQIA, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_
- Support policies that improve access to high-value and comprehensive health care for all members of society in ways that move us closer to health equity for all (i.e., algorithms, funding, Medicaid expansion, environmental justice).
- Expand opportunities for health equity for underserved populations and People of Color.
- Improve DEI among physicians.
- Expand GME slots.

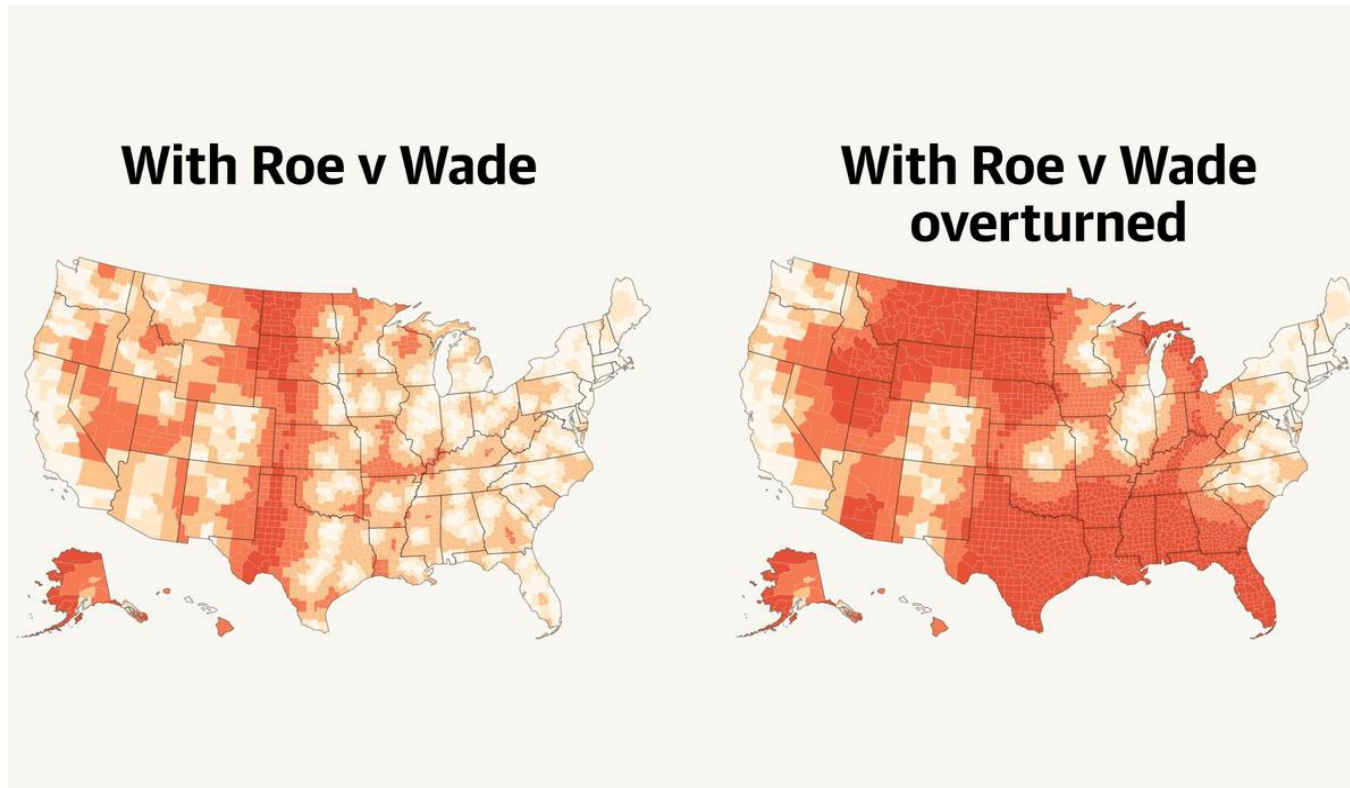
# ACP Toolkits

- Visit: <https://www.acponline.org/advocacy/state-health-policy>
- Toolkits on :
- Reducing firearms
- Climate change and health
- Social justice reform (Workplace violence against physicians, period poverty, gender affirming care, DACA)
- Physician Payment and Practice (SOP, Licensing and Credentialling)
- Health Coverage (CHIP, Future of Medicaid)



# ACP Legislative Tracking Service

- ACP is using Canary Legislative Tracking Services to inform members of major policy issues occurring at the state level.
- ACP can generate state heat maps of major issue trends, such as women's reproductive rights, gender affirming care, SOP, and firearm safety.





## ACP AIM Outreach – Voter Voice



- **ACP seeks to get more membership participation in its Take Action Requests.**
- **ACP can engage its membership through new platform of Voter Voice.**

# ACP Pilot Program

- Starting this year, ACP will make available \$50,000 in grants to assist chapters in getting members to participate in Leadership Day.
- The program is a pilot and criteria is being developed.
- More about the pilot to be announced soon.

