On Thursday, Feb. 28, 2019, Georgia Chapter ACP Members attended the Patient Centered Physician Coalition Day at the Georgia Capitol. The coalition representing primary care, represents over 10,000 physician members collectively. Georgia Governor, the Honorable Brian Kemp welcomed the Coalition to the capitol. Mr. Blake Fulenwider, Chief Health Policy Officer, Georgia DCH, gave an update from the Georgia Department of Community Health. The guest speaker was Mr. James E. “Jet” Toney, President, Cornerstone Communications Group, Founding Chair, GA Professional Lobbyists Association. He provided instruction to the group for Lobbying 101. Members met with their respective senator and/or representative to (re)introduce themselves and share the position of the chapter on priority issues. The last day of the 2019 Legislative session is scheduled for April 2. These Internal Medicine Advocates are helping to make a difference in Georgia for patients and physicians.

**Georgia Chapter 2019 Legislative Priorities**

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