

# 2018 ADVOCACY AT WORK



## Reduced Administrative Burdens (Patients Before Paperwork)

- CMS eliminated need to re-do medical students' input in the EHR
- CMS to only require documentation of changes in patient information
- ACP convinces Congress to advocate for a reduction in Medicare paperwork at House subcommittee roundtables
- CMS establishes new office dedicated to eliminating unnecessary rules

## 5 ACP Policy Papers Published



Reducing Firearm Injuries and Deaths—sparks **#ThisIsOurLane** movement



Social Determinants of Health



Compensation Disparities



Gender Equity in Medicine



Women's Health Policy



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## Medicare Payment Changes 2019

Medicare stops hospitals from overcharging patients for unnecessary "facility fees" with site-neutral payments

CMS responsive to ACP recommendations

- Two-year delay of changes to payments for E/M services
- Continued higher payment for level 5 patient visits
- Virtual check-ins approved for reimbursement starting 2019
- New add-on codes to office visit payments

## Wins



ACP leads the charge to fix delay in medical student visas



Congress funds essential health programs: NIH, CDC and other ACP priorities; rejects efforts to take away coverage and protections for millions

New opioid law adopts ACP's recommendations:

- Increased funding for treatment and prevention
- Standardized electronic prior authorizations for prescription drugs under Medicare Part D
- Increased access to Medication Assisted Treatment
- Improved interoperability of state-run monitoring programs



One of Our Own—ACP President Emeritus, Dr. Sandra Fryhofer elected to AMA Board of Trustees

## 560K Physicians



Represented in Group of Six (Organization co-founded by ACP)

## 380+ Meetings



Held on the annual ACP Leadership Day

## 85 Letters



Sent to Congressional Leadership or CMS



## 15K+ ACP Members

In the Advocates for Internal Medicine network (AIMn)

