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

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

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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

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)

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