ACP 2016 Achievements

Advocacy In Focus

$1.1 Billion Emergency Funding to combat Zika virus

Influenced court ruling overturning Florida’s firearms gag rule

The Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act (CARA) provided $8.5 M to address opioid crisis.

Increased $ for physician services with new CMS approved CPT codes

CMS & Congress reduced administrative burdens related to EHR

Increased flexibility in CMS’ OPP for 2017 with “Pick your pace”

21st Century Cures Act improves access to mental and behavioral health care

Blocked two health insurer mergers to protect patient choice

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5 Policy Papers Published

1. Climate Change and Health including Climate Change Toolkit
2. Stemming the Escalating Cost of Prescription Drugs
3. Addressing the Increasing Burden of Health Insurance Cost Sharing
4. Medicaid Expansion: Premium Assistance and Other Options
5. Financing Graduate Medical Education

19 Comment Letters to CMS
6 Formal Statements/Testimonies given at Congressional Hearings
32 Letters to House & Senate Leaders
23 Advocacy Alerts in the Advocates for Internal Medicine Network (AIMN) Program
449 ACP Members participated in Leadership Day—All 50 states and DC sent representatives
350+ Meetings in Congressional offices on Leadership Day