### **FALL 2023 UPDATES**

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Dedicated to advocating for the interests of internal medicine physicians and their patients.

Across the country, internal medicine physicians are feeling the effects of chronic underinvestment in our healthcare system. We witness this strain on our practices every day through insufficient payment rates, administrative overload, physician shortages, burdensome regulations, and colleagues leaving the practice of medicine.

Therefore, as internal medicine physicians we need to do all we can do to both elevate our profession and protect our patients. We need to engage and educate our members of Congress about these issues. But most importantly we must not do this alone, but together as a unified voice for internal medicine.

ACP Services PAC is continuing its advocacy efforts as it works with its congressional champions to urge Congress to:

- Protect the G2211 add on code, by not delaying its implementation;
- Reject the 3.36 percent budget neutrality cut to Medicare physician payment percent in 2024;
- Eliminate or limit step therapy or "fail first" mandates by insurers and remove prior authorization requirements in Medicare Advantage plans;
- Increase the number of Medicare-supported Graduate Medical Education positions;
- Pass legislation for medical residents to receive interest-free deferment on their student loans during training;
- Provide inflationary adjustments to Medicare payments to physicians; and,
   Align Medicaid reimbursement with Medicare payments for primary care.

ACP Services PAC works with our legislative affairs staff to advance our advocacy agenda. Especially with 2024 being an election year, we cannot afford to stand on the sidelines. Even with the current instability in Congress, we must remain steadfast to amplify internal medicine's unified voice. But we need your help!

ACP Services PAC is the most effective tool to join your colleagues in collectively advocating for our priorities. Your support helps protect the future of internal medicine, **TOGETHER!** 



**ACP Services PAC Chair** 

Dr. Issac Opole MD, PhD, FACP

## Join us and PROTECT the FUTURE of

### **Internal Medicine**

- ✓ Promote affordable and accessible, quality health care for ALL.
- Advocate for payment policies that capture the true value of the care furnished by internal medicine physicians.
- ✓ Permanently expand coverage and payment for telehealth.
- ✓ Lower prescription drug prices.
- ✓ Fund programs to train more internal medicine physicians.
- ✓ Address health care disparities.
- Reform immigration policies that physician workforce.
- ✓ Support increased availability of and coverage for integrating primary care and behavioral health services.



## **ACP SERVICES PAC IN ACTION**

2024 is a crucial election year! ACP Services PAC will be pushing forward to elect lawmakers who support our agenda. We are making our voice heard with Members of Congress in their districts and on Capitol Hill.

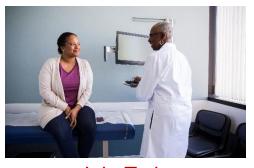


ACP SERVICES PAC VIRTUAL ROUNDTABLES – A VIRTUAL TOOL TO LEARN ABOUT THE PAC AND CONNECT WITH LAWMAKERS





ACP Services PAC is building chapter engagement by hosting **virtual roundtables** with lawmakers in your state. Virtual roundtables are a fantastic way to meet and engage with lawmakers from the convenience of your home or office. ACP Services PAC is working to host several roundtables throughout this year, with more to come next year, so we hope you will join us!



Join Today

Become part of a movement for a stronger healthcare system in this country, that puts physicians and patients first!

You may contribute to the PAC at <a href="https://www.acpservices.org/pac">www.acpservices.org/pac</a>, or if you prefer, you can mail a personal check, payable to "ACP Services PAC," to:

ACP Services PAC 25 Massachusetts Ave., NW Suite 700 Washington, DC 20001-7401

## EARN YOUR STRIPES!

# ACP SERVICES PAC

"Earning your stripes" is a phrase our PAC Chair, Dr. Isaac Opole, started promoting this year at Leadership Day. It is based on the ribbon PAC members receive and wear proudly at ACP events to show they are joining their colleagues and supporting the importance of our PAC and our advocacy efforts. To earn your stripes is easy, all you have to do is join the PAC! Benefits of PAC membership include:

- Getting to know your congressional delegation through meetings and events.
- Attending fundraisers for your Members of Congress if they support our policy agenda.
- Advocating for policy changes that benefit your patients and practices.
- o Accessing PAC-sponsored events at Leadership Day.