

Winter 2025

ACP Services PAC

RENEWAL LETTER



ACP Services
Political Action Committee

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

As we start 2025, know that ACP Services PAC remains committed to advancing the interests of Internal Medicine (IM) and our patients. Despite the political hurdles in our way, we are steadfastly committed to building relationships with Congress in 2025 and advancing IM's advocacy goals at the national level. Below is a summary of what we accomplished in 2024:

- ✓ **Successfully drove the inclusion of report language in Congress' appropriations bills for 2025, calling for a review of whether CMS has overestimated utilization of certain Medicare codes to prevent unnecessary cuts.**
- ✓ **Empowered members with a prior authorization toolkit and generated nearly 2,000 grassroots advocacy messages from ACP members urging Congress to pass the Improving Seniors' Timely Access to Care Act to reform the prior authorization process.**
- ✓ **Led the charge to shape prior authorization reform resulting in CMS Interoperability and Prior Authorization final rule requiring Medicare Advantage plans to make decisions within 72 hours for expedited requests.**
- ✓ **Protected physician payment by urging Congress to pass legislation to ensure annual inflation updates for IM physicians and protect patient access to care.**
- ✓ **Protected telehealth services by advocating for extended telehealth flexibilities, securing continued coverage for audio-only visits and delaying in-person requirements for behavioral health services.**
- ✓ **Defended scope of practice opposing legislation that would expand pharmacist scope of practice beyond safe level of training.**

We know we have challenging work ahead of us. That's why the PAC needs your participation and engagement to keep our advocacy priorities in front of lawmakers. Even the task can feel daunting, we can't afford to sit on the sidelines this year.

Your continued support is valued and appreciated. Our unified voice helps our influence grow as we protect the future of IM, **TOGETHER!**



Thank you,

ACP Services PAC Chair

Raminder S. Gill, MD, MACP

Priorities for 2025

- **Ensuring affordable and accessible, quality health care for ALL.**
- **Advocating for payment policies that reflect the true value of care furnished by IM physicians.**
- **Expanding coverage and payment for telehealth.**
- **Lowering prescription drug prices through negotiation and transparency.**
- **Promoting Physician-led, Team-based Care.**
- **Strengthening the Internal Medicine and Primary Care Physician Workforce.**
- **Investing in Public Health Initiatives and Research.**
- **Supporting policies that will leverage digital health and artificial intelligence to improve patient care and reduce administrative burdens on physicians**



Join the Advocates for Internal Medicine Network (AIMn)



With over 100,000 members able to participate and engage at the highest level for Internal Medicine. We ask you to get involved in your advocacy network with 2 simple steps:

1. **JOIN the Advocates for Internal Medicine Network (AIMn)** in advocating for the interests of internal medicine in Washington, D.C. The AIMn program is for ACP members interested in participating in federal advocacy. It is designed to help members engage with their federal lawmakers on policy issues important to ACP and internal medicine.
2. **CONTRIBUTE to ACP Services PAC** which helps to elect and support internal medicine-friendly lawmakers who are running for office. **You can do a one-time contribution starting at \$20 or break down your contribution quarterly or monthly.**



Join Today!

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

To contribute, scan the code above or go to www.acpservices.org/pac

Or if you prefer, you can mail a personal check, payable to "ACP Services PAC," to:

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EARNING YOUR STRIPES!



"Earning your stripes" is membership in the PAC starting at just \$20!

PAC members receive a ribbon to wear proudly at ACP Services events. The ribbon signifies solidarity with your colleagues about the importance of the PAC and its advocacy efforts. Earning your stripes is easy, just join the PAC!

Benefits include:

- Getting to know your congressional delegation through meetings and events.
- Attending fundraisers representing ACP Services PAC for your members of Congress.
- Advocating for policy changes that benefit your patients and practices.
- Accessing PAC-sponsored events at Leadership Day.