Opportunities for Collaborating on Advocacy

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Academic Medicine’s Missions Function
Like a Four-Chambered Heart

- Patient Care
- Research
- Education
- Community
AAMC Advocacy Focuses on Federal Support for Academic Medicine’s Missions

**AMC**

- NIH, AHRQ, PCORI
- DSH
- DGME, IME
- Clinical
- 340B Savings

**In tough economic and budget times these payments can be vulnerable**

- Patient Care For All
- Training & Workforce
- Research
- Stand-by Capacity
A health care system that provides high quality, cost effective care for all.

Medical science to prevent disease, alleviate suffering and improve quality of life.

A well-trained, culturally competent, diverse health care workforce improving health for all.
2019 Advocacy Issues

- Lift Budget Caps
- Increase NIH Budget
- Preserve Medicaid DSH
- Protect 340B Program
- Lift Medicare GME Caps
- Strengthen HRSA Workforce Programs
- Reauthorize PCORI
- Strengthen ACA
- Address Surprise Bill
- Address Drug Pricing
Advocates for NIH, GME Legislation

300+ Orgs. Endorse $41.6B for NIH in FY 2020

For FY 2020, the Ad Hoc Group recommends an appropriation of at least $21.6 billion for the NIH, a $2.5 billion increase over the NIH's program level funding in FY 2019. This funding level would allow for meaningful growth above inflation on the base budget that would expand NIH's capacity to support promising science in all disciplines. It would also ensure that funding from the Innovation Account established in the 21st Century Cures Act would supplement the agency's base budget, as intended, through dedicated funding for specific programs.

As a result of the strong, bipartisan vision of Senate and House Labor-HHS-Education Appropriations Subcommittees led by Rep. Jim Cooper (D-TN) and Sen. Lisa Murkowski (R-AK), Congress has authorized the agency to go over the historical caps on the NIH's budget. This is most welcome news for NIH in its 2020 fiscal year, as it will enable NIH to take full advantage of the research opportunities presented by the success of its ongoing initiatives.

In recognition of the immeasurable potential of biomedical research, we must continue to invest in the NIH. We look forward to working with you to continue the steady progress we have made in improving public health and harnessing the power of biomedical research.

316 Signatories as of 04.19.19
Academic Consortium for Integrative Medicine and Health

75+ Orgs. Endorse Resident Shortage Reduction Act

May 3, 2019

Dear Member of Congress:
The undersigned organizations, representing over 75 organizations, encourage you to co-sponsor the “Resident Shortage Reduction Act” (S. 348, H.R. 1764). This bipartisan legislation would increase Medicare's support for graduate medical education (GME) resident programs by providing a 5% increase to the Medicare payment for GME payments.

As you may know, the demand for physicians continues to grow faster than supply, leading to a projected shortfall of between 41,000 and 133,000 physicians by 2030 with predicted shortages in both primary and specialty care. Physicians are a critical element of our health care infrastructure and workforce, and if we do not address this impending problem, patients face difficulty accessing the care they need. While it is a serious issue for all of us, it is especially problematic because of our aging population and physician retirement. A person’s need for a physician increases with age, and the U.S. population aged 65 and older is predicted to grow 50% by 2030.

America’s medical schools, teaching hospitals, and their physician partners are doing their part by investing in physician and health care provider training and leading innovations in new care delivery models that are more efficient and include better use of technologies — like telehealth — that improve patient access to care. Even with these efforts, however, shortages and access challenges will persist unless we expand the physician workforce.

Though shortages will affect all Americans, the most vulnerable populations, like those in rural and underserved areas, will be the first to feel the impact of the deficit of physicians. We are particularly concerned for our senior population whose Medicare eligibility and utilization of health care grows daily.

We look forward to working together to support the training of future physicians and to secure the passage of this important legislation.

Sincerely,
Alliance for Academic Internal Medicine
Alliance for Specialty Medicine
2019 Environment
Divided Government

Slim House Democratic Majority
Slim Senate Republican Majority
Veto Override = 2/3 Majorities in Both

Bipartisanship the Only Way to Advance Policy

* NC 9th Congressional District Seat Empty Until New Election Held; State Did Not Certify 2018 Election Due to Evidence of Vote Tampering
2019 Environment
Very Tight Schedule

35 Legislative Days Until the End of **FY 2019**
When Both House and Senate Are in Session
  • 13 additional days only Senate in session

63 Legislative Days Until the End of **CY 2019**
When Both House and Senate Are in Session
  • 10 additional days only Senate in session
2019 Environment
Elections Loom Over All

• Hill, Presidential Campaigns Already Starting
  ▪ 22 Republican Senators Up for Re-election (3 to retire)
  ▪ 12 Democratic Senators Are Also Up for Re-election (1 to retire)
  ▪ 26 (2 Rs and 24 Ds) Candidates Running for President, including 7 Current D Senators and 5 Current D Representatives

• Every Issue Has Potential Election Implications
AAMC Action

Who We Are
We are a community of 337,000 students, residents, researchers, faculty members, and others in academic medicine who advocate on behalf of patients and the doctors and nurses who are working on behalf of health care for all.

What We Fight for
• Preventing impending doctor shortage
• Keeping teaching hospitals thriving
• Making it easier for doctors to enter public service
• Protecting and expanding NIH-funded medical research

Our Impact: 21,000 Sent Letters to Congress, 16,000 Signed Petitions
Questions - Feedback