

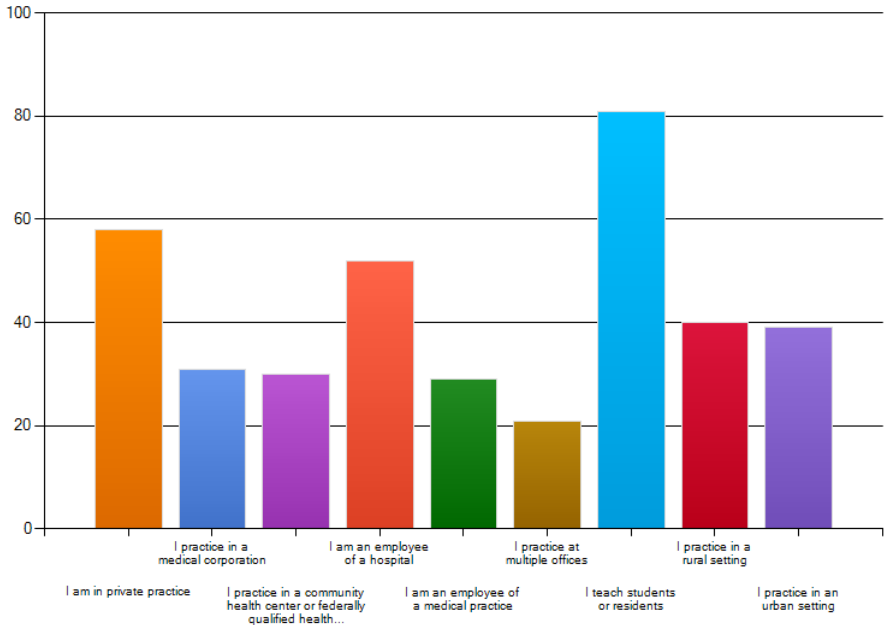


Illinois Academy of Family Physicians report to the 2009 Annual Meeting and All-Member Assembly attendees

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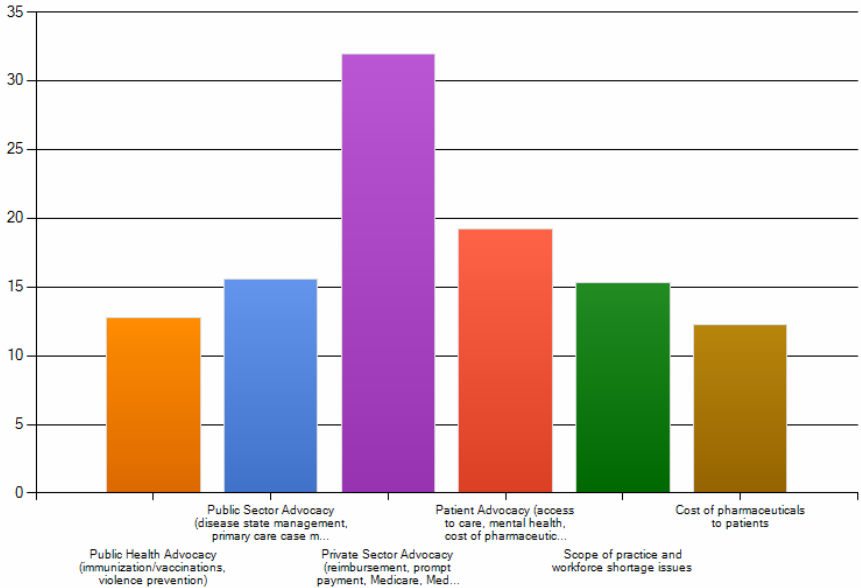
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*2009 IAFP bi-annual active member survey

You have 100 units to allocate across the following state legislative issues. Please enter the amount you want to allocate to each issue in the six boxes provided.



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State Government Relations Highlights

"2009 will definitely be remembered as one of the most significant years in the history of Illinois politics. On a high note, the state became the epicenter of national politics with the election and inauguration of favorite Illinois son Barack Obama as the first African American President of the United States. At the same time, Illinois achieved the distinction of being the most ethically challenged state of the union with the indictment and ultimate impeachment of Governor Rod Blagojevich for allegedly trying to sell Obama's U.S. Senate seat to whomever would make the best offer." End-of-Session Report from Cook-Witter, Inc. the lobbying firm that IAFP contracts with for government relations services

IAFP had more than 300 bills on our radar this past legislative session. The government relations committee evaluated monitored and acted on dozens of bills on your behalf. Several bills of interest were passed and signed into law:

- ban on texting while driving;
- Obesity Prevention Initiative Act;
- teen dating violence prevention instruction in grades 8-12; and
- expedited partner therapy services for persons with STDs.

Spring Into Action Members personally lobbied for and against specific bills or issues during five days in March and April at the state Capitol. More than 50 legislators were contacted and 25 IAFP members participated. 2010 will be our ninth year of providing personal advocacy opportunities to our members!

In addition to legislative efforts, IAFP works with many like-minded organizations in coalitions. These include: the Campaign for Better Health Care and the Illinois Maternal & Child Health Coalition, Health & Disability Advocates, Shriver Center on Poverty Law, and the Illinois chapter of AARP. In addition, we partner with the Illinois Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics and the Illinois State Medical Society. We are also members of the Illinois Chamber of Commerce's Healthcare Council and the Illinois Hospital Association's Physician Stakeholder Group on workforce issues.

Primary Care Saves Medicaid Money Illinois is already moving towards costs savings and better health outcomes through the Illinois Health Connect and Your Healthcare Plus programs. Illinois Health Connect provides Illinois Medicaid and All Kids patients with a medical home and an ongoing relationship with a primary care physician. Meanwhile, Your Healthcare Plus improves disease management services for some of Medicaid's most complex and costliest patients. Family physicians across the state participate in Illinois' Medicaid Program. Recent fiscal data from FY '08 shows that both programs are saving money and improving some clinical metrics.

Federal Advocacy

IAFP Letter to CMS re: Medicare fee schedule Separate from national health care reform efforts and the looming Medicare SGR cuts, Illinois AFP encouraged a letter-writing campaign supporting changes in the Medicare payment structure. The CMS proposed fee schedule for 2010 will provide a payment boost for some primary care services, a small step forward in correcting the system's payment inequities for primary care physicians.

Health Care Reform Highlights During Congress' August recess and beyond, IAFP participated in events with U.S. Sen. Dick Durbin throughout the state where often our member spokesperson represented the physician community. Illinois members were featured on radio, TV, and print, including the *Chicago Tribune* and *Chicago Sun-Times*. IAFP Board member Janet Albers, MD attended President Obama's September health care address to Congress and the nation via a personal invitation from Sen. Durbin.

Town Hall Meetings IAFP members were audience members, panelists, and presenters. Of special note was a healthcare forum held at Mt. Sinai Hospital, Chicago for Vice President Biden and HHS Secretary Sebelius with IAFP members in attendance.

Print Media, Letters to the Editor and Opinion/Editorials Members appeared in newspapers across the state, on blogs, and in live radio interviews to spread the word of primary care and medical home as vital solutions to the health care reform debate.

Other Opportunities included: Meetings in district offices; presentations to medical students and resident physicians; League of Women Voters forum; personal letters to Congressman from family physician constituents; and participation in the AMA's virtual town hall videos answering patient questions on healthcare reform.

Your fellow IAFP members listed below personally represented the views of family medicine in the health care reform debate:

Janet Albers, MD
Ellen Brull, MD
Tariq Butt, MD
Kelly Carroll, MD
Rashmi Chugh, MD
Bethany Cohen
Mark Collins, MD
Dennon Davis, MD
Kristin Drynan, MD
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Jon Dykens, MD
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Calvin Fischer, DO
Richard Ginnetti, MD
Tom Goleman, MD
Arvind Goyal, MD
Paulette Grey, MD
Sam Grief, MD
David Hagan, MD
Michael Hanak, MD
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