

Advocacy

IAFP is a year-round presence in Springfield, Chicago, throughout the state and in Congress. Led by an experienced staff and strategically sound decision-making, IAFP has established a respected voice in government affairs. The Government Relations committee and Legislative Action Team work in tandem with staff and our contracted lobbying firm to steer the Academy's activities and maintain solid relationships with lawmakers at all levels in both parties. IAFP works with the executive branch in the implementation of health care reform and in the ongoing challenges of serving the diverse needs of our patients.

Ongoing Lobbying

We are informed, engaged and acting on your behalf at all times. IAFP contracts with Cook-Witter, Inc., in Springfield, an experienced and respected lobbying firm representing many not-for-profit organizations. [Stay informed of our issues here](#) .

Spring Into Action

In non-election years, IAFP hosts several one-day events in Springfield bringing family physicians, residents and students together for a morning of education and training, followed by an afternoon at the Statehouse meeting with legislators on current bills and family medicine priorities. [Learn more and join us](#) !

Action Alerts

We provide timely information and links for action on state and federal issues, making it easy for members to contact lawmakers on important issues under debate.

IAFP staff will work directly with motivated members to connect with and educate their elected officials on family medicine issues important to them and their communities.

Representation on Boards, Task Forces and Initiatives

IAFP staff and seasoned leaders represent you on the State Board of Health, in state and local government posts, coalitions, task forces and committees making decisions that affect physicians and patients. Through our work, YOU have a seat at every table.

Government Relations Successes:

- Building healthier communities and collaborating with other health organizations to improve health equity and address social determinants of health
- Protection and extension of the Medical Practice Act.
- Intervention on scope of practice expansion legislative efforts by non-physician providers.

- Changes to required school vaccine schedule and rule to increase immunization coverage and effectiveness.
- We are leaders in the fight for Tobacco21, higher tobacco taxes and public policies aimed at reducing tobacco use across the spectrum
- Expansion of Medicaid coverage to ensure payment to family physicians who already care for these vulnerable patients.

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