

2018 CAFP Legislative Wrap-Up

Thank You to the Physician Volunteers
Who Made a Difference!



Doctor of the Day By the Numbers

30+

Patients Treated
at the Capitol

I had a great time during my first Doctor of the Day. It was exciting to sit on the floor of the House of Representatives, meet our legislators, and of course be available to help with any medical concerns that arose. My colleague and I took the opportunity to testify on a bill we felt passionate about, and it passed! Doctor of the Day is an excellent opportunity for physicians looking to get involved in advocacy, learn more about their government or simply provide a civic service.

- Rachel Carpenter, MD

During the session legislators and staff are working long and unpredictable hours, so when people get sick it's often difficult to be able to visit a regular physician. We are grateful to have a Doctor of the Day on hand to visit and prescribe medications when needed, so that we can get back to good health and back to work quickly. The Doctor of the Day program is a helpful resource for the legislature, and we appreciate the efforts of the Colorado Academy of Family Physicians and the doctors who participate to make it possible.

- Speaker of the House of Representatives
Crisanta Duran

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Out of a possible
83 Days Covered

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Doctor of the Day
Participants

Thank You 2018 Dr. of the Day Volunteers

Craig Anthony
Emily Aquila
Shannon Archabal
Nida Awadallah
Sally Berger
Claire Bovet
Robert "Buz" Bricca
Rachel Carpenter
Gina Carr
Cory Carroll
John Cawley
Carolyn Chen
Howard Corren
Maggie Doe
Jim Dudley
Mary Fairbanks
Ryan Flint
Aaron Gale
Stephanie Gold
Timothy Hutton
Tara Iyer
Stephanie Karozos
Whitney Kennedy
Elin Kondrad
Kyle Leggott
Makenzie Lewis
Matthew Martin

Camri McGinn
Kelly McMullen
David Mendez
David Munoz
Justin Neisler
Blaine Olsen
Tamaan Osbourne-Roberts
Laurie Patton
Lindsey Pearson
Travis Peveto
Amy Rinner
Sarah Ashley Robbins
Madeleine Roberts
Stephanie Sandhu
Emily Schrader
Kathryn Seitz
Aaron Shupp
Bonnie Smith
Charla Sperring
Simon Stampe
Lauren Thomas
Zach Wachtl
Daniel Wandsneider
Kenyon Weidle
Rebecca Wendt
Emily Zerba

Specifically, as a resident, I have appreciated following healthcare related legislation and participating in the discussions which led to its implementation. There is no substitute for direct experience and participation. Much of our healthcare system and how we deliver care is shaped by the discussions and testimony which occur at the capitol. This program has given me a venue by which to bring some of the discussions from the doctor's office/hospital to the capitol.

- Kyle Leggott, MD, Chief Resident, Family Medicine
University of Colorado SOM

The program brings you closer to the legislative process and puts a human face on those individuals creating the laws under which we live. It also helped my awareness and understanding of the legislation affecting the healthcare system and social issues pertinent to my patients.

- Kenyon Weidle, MD

Advocacy at the Capitol

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CAFP Physician
Members Testified

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Meetings With
Healthcare Orgs. On
CAFP's Primary
Care Investment
Legislation

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Committee Hearings
CAFP Testified In

Testifying Outcomes

SB-022 limits an initial prescription for opioids to 7-days and requires a PDMP check for the 2nd fill. CAFP supported. The bill passed and was signed by the Governor

HB-1365 CAFP President-Elect testified in support of the Primary Care Investment Initiative to double payer investments in primary care. The bill passed the House Health Insurance Committee 11-2, but was defeated in Legislative Council by a tie vote.

HB-1136 adds inpatient and residential treatment to the Medicaid benefit to treat opioid addiction. CAFP Supported. The bill passed and was signed into law by the Governor.

HB-1284 allows pharmacists to inform patients if the cash-pay price of a drug is cheaper than the price under their health plan, by prohibiting so-called "gag clauses" in contracts between pharmacists and prescription benefit managers. CAFP supported. The bill passed and was signed into law by the Governor.

SB-214 would have put a lifetime cap of 5 years on Medicaid coverage, while adding work requirements to be eligible for Medicaid. CAFP opposed the bill, which was defeated on a bipartisan vote of 3-2 in the Senate Health Committee.

HB-1260 sought to increase prescription drug price transparency by requiring pharmaceutical companies to submit drug prices to the state and notify insurers and patients in advance of a 10% increase in a drug's price. CAFP supported the bill, which was defeated on a vote of 3-2 in the Senate State, Veterans and Military Affairs Committee.

Advocacy from Anywhere

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Letters Sent to
Legislators

SpeakOut Outcomes

HB-1365, the Primary Care Investment Initiative, would have put Colorado on a path to increase the share of the healthcare dollar invested in primary care from 5% to 15%. The bill passed out of the House Health Insurance Committee on a bipartisan 11-2 vote, but was later defeated in the Legislative Council Committee. CAFP intends to continue the push for this policy.

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Market Stabilization provisions in the federal budget bill would have restored federal payments to insurers that lower copays and deductibles for patients who qualify for insurance subsidies. CAFP and AAFP encouraged Congress to restore these payments to reduce the cost of insurance, however, the provisions were not included in the final bill.

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Op-Eds Placed
Across CO on
Primary Care
Investment

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Orgs. Endorsed
CAFP's Primary
Care Investment
Legislation

Questions about CAFP's legislative efforts and activities?

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