

Dear all:

Happy New Year. I hope your new year is off to a great start. Here are a few important issues that MAG is working on your behalf. As always, my previous updates can be found at www.mag.org/executivedirector.

Top Docs

Please find our recent episode of Top Docs where we interviewed Georgia House of Representatives Chairman David Knight on issues related to healthcare. Of particular importance, we spoke about how Blue Cross Blue Shield's policies are negatively impacting patients. The interview can be found at https://www.mag.org/georgia/Public/News/News_Articles/Rep_Knight_addresses_health_care_insurance_on_Top_Docs_show.aspx.

American Board of Medical Specialties and Maintenance of Certification

Please note the deadline to file comments on the Vision Initiative Report addressing maintenance of certification is rapidly approaching. The deadline is January 15. Please go to the following link to address the Vision Initiative report -

https://www.mag.org/georgia/Public/News/News_Articles/Deadline_to_comment_on_Vision_MOC_draft_is_1_15.aspx.

Commissioner of Insurance-Elect Jim Beck

Today, MAG hosted a meeting at our offices with Commissioner of Insurance-Elect Jim Beck. In attendance were representatives from the Georgia Dental Association, Georgia Pharmacy Association, Georgia Hospital Association and the Georgia Chiropractic Association. In addition to the association representatives, we had a number of physicians and other providers in attendance. We are looking forward to working with the new commissioner who is very motivated in his new role to protect patients. If you have any issues you would like addressed with the commissioner's office, please contact Bethany Sherrer at bserrer@mag.org.

HealtheParadigm

Please see our new video on how HealtheParadigm helps physicians helps patients - https://players.brightcove.net/2947921199001/default_index.html?videoId=5969033960001. A big thanks to Dr. Tom Bat and Dr. Steve Walsh for all their work on this video. For more information on HealtheParadigm, please contact Ryan Larosa at rlarosa@mag.org.

Georgia General Assembly

The 2019 Georgia General Assembly begins on January 14. In preparation for the 2019 General Assembly, please see MAG's Legislative Priorities and some very important dates -

https://www.mag.org/georgia/Public/Advocacy/Government_Relations/Public/Advocacy/Government_Relations.aspx?hkey=dbdc89c2-e195-4e28-9449-722ca66f3fb5.

As always, if you should have any questions, please do not hesitate to call.

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