

Dear all:

Please allow this to be an update of MAG activities over the last few weeks. As always, previous updates can be found at www.mag.org/executivedirector. Please feel free to share these updates.

Top Docs Radio Show

Please see the latest installment of Top Docs Radio Show where Kevin McGill, MD discusses bariatric surgery and its benefits. Thank you to Dr. McGill for taking the time to do this interview - https://www.mag.org/georgia/Public/News/News_Articles/Expert_M.D._addresses_obesity_bariatric_surgery_on_Top_Docs_Radio_.aspx.

Covenant House and Physician Participants

Covenant House has a fundraising night where participants sleep outside to raise money for the homeless. Kelly Ladd of Piedmont Internal Medicine is leading the healthcare group. Kelly needs 10 physicians to volunteer for the healthcare group. Please take a moment and consider volunteering for this great cause. Kelly can be reached at kelly.ladd@pimapc.com. Here is a summary of the great work that Covenant does for these kids:

Covenant House Georgia (CHGA), is much more than a shelter. Providing youth 16 -24 experiencing homelessness and escaping trafficking with shelter, vocational and educational training, behavioral health and clinic services, case management and a two year independent living program Covenant House Georgia supports youth to realize their fullest potential. They are optimistic about the power of a stable, loving environment to inspire a fresh start in youth lives. Looking beyond broken pasts, CHGA knows that each of their youth can have a bright future, and everything they do is in effort to have them know it, too. They empower youth to finish high school, start college, gain employment, live independently, and ultimately step out into the world knowing they are prepared to be successful. CHGA is a place of refuge, a place of growing, and a place where people find and fulfill their calling. You can be a part of the transformation, learn more and find out how at www.CovenantHouseGA.org.

General Assembly

The General Assembly is addressing multiple issues related to health care this year. By February 28, all bills must pass their respective chambers to continue through the legislative process. If those bills do not pass a chamber by the close of the session on February 28, then those bills are no longer viable for the rest of the legislative session. However, the concepts/language can always reappear on other bills after that date. You will start seeing alerts asking for action in the next couple of days as MAG's priorities are in play. Please respond to the alerts as we are at a pivotal point of the General Assembly.

Physician Advocacy Institute

Please see the latest study on physician employment in the United States by the Physician Advocacy Institute. Physician employment has grown over the last few years. More information can be found at https://www.mag.org/georgia/Public/News/News_Articles/PAI_Avalere_M.D._D.O._employment_practice_acquisitions_continue_rising_.aspx.

If you should have any questions, please do not hesitate to call.

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