

Dear all:

Please allow this to be an update of MAG activities over the last few weeks. As always, my previous updates can be found at [www.mag.org/executivedirector](http://www.mag.org/executivedirector).

### **Top Docs Show**

Please see the latest Top Docs show addressing the 2020 General Assembly tackling issues such as tort reform, surprise billing and pharmacy benefit managers. Big thanks to Representative Deborah Silcox for taking time out of her busy schedule. The episode can be found [https://www.mag.org/georgia/Public/News/News\\_Articles/Georgia\\_Rep.\\_Silcox\\_addresses\\_2020\\_General\\_Assembly\\_on\\_Top\\_Docs.aspx](https://www.mag.org/georgia/Public/News/News_Articles/Georgia_Rep._Silcox_addresses_2020_General_Assembly_on_Top_Docs.aspx).

### **Tort Reform Amicus Brief**

MAG and the AMA filed an amicus brief on a case recently decided by the Georgia Supreme Court. The Supreme Court of Georgia rejected Shaw G. Evans' request for a damages-only retrial was a relief to physicians who told the state's high court that retrial only focused on the damages would open up physicians and hospitals to increased liability. Evans sought a retrial on damages because he believed the dollar amount awarded was too low. For more information, please go to [https://www.mag.org/georgia/Public/News/News\\_Articles/AMA\\_Georgia\\_SC\\_issues\\_favorable\\_ruling\\_in\\_key\\_med-mal\\_case.aspx](https://www.mag.org/georgia/Public/News/News_Articles/AMA_Georgia_SC_issues_favorable_ruling_in_key_med-mal_case.aspx).

### **WSB and MAG President**

Please listen to Andrew Reisman, MD, MAG President, discuss the flu and coronavirus on WSB. The show can be found at [https://www.mag.org/georgia/Public/News/News\\_Articles/MAG\\_president\\_discusses\\_flu\\_coronavirus\\_on\\_WSB\\_Radio.aspx](https://www.mag.org/georgia/Public/News/News_Articles/MAG_president_discusses_flu_coronavirus_on_WSB_Radio.aspx).

### **Scope of Practice**

MAG, AMA and organized medicine responded to the latest CMS proposal addressing scope of practice, which can be found at [https://www.mag.org/georgia/Public/News/News\\_Articles/MAG\\_AMA\\_others\\_weigh\\_in\\_on\\_CM\\_S\\_scope\\_proposals.aspx](https://www.mag.org/georgia/Public/News/News_Articles/MAG_AMA_others_weigh_in_on_CM_S_scope_proposals.aspx).

### **Vaping**

The Medical Association of Atlanta is hosting a meeting on the dangers of vaping. For more information, please go to [https://www.mag.org/georgia/Public/News/News\\_Articles/MAA%20Vaping%20Town%20Hall.aspx](https://www.mag.org/georgia/Public/News/News_Articles/MAA%20Vaping%20Town%20Hall.aspx).

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