Dear all:

Please allow this to be an update of MAG’s activities over the last few weeks. As always, our previous updates can be found at http://www.mag.org/resources/executive-director.

**Georgia Nurses Association**

MAG’s relationship with GNA has grown over the last few years. As a result of working closer together, GNA gave MAG the Partnership in Excellence in Nursing Award. This award is rarely given and we are a proud recipient of this award. For more information, please go to http://www.mag.org/news/articles/gna-award.

**MAG Foundation “Think About It” Campaign**

As part of the “Think About It Campaign”, the MAG Foundation is educating patients on GA’s 911 Medical Amnesty Law. Please see the first billboard that is on GA 400 with the “Think About It” and MAG logos. More of these billboards will be across NE Georgia. Great work by the MAG Foundation.

**Senate Study Committee on “Abusive Billing Practices”**

The Senate held its study committee on Abusive Billing Practices. This is a national movement by the health insurance companies to restrict the out of network payments they owe for failing to successfully contract with physicians. The National Association of Insurance Commissioners are in the process of developing model legislation that will address adequate networks, physician directories, as well as limiting out of network payments to physicians. I have attached Todd Williamson’s testimony to this email. The right of a physician to determine the value of his/her services goes straight to the meaning of being part of a profession. Thanks to the Dr. Williamson, Dr. John Rogers, Dr. Chip Pettigrew, Trey Reese and Marcus for their excellent work today testifying for physicians and patients.

**House of Delegates**

The annual meeting of the House of Delegates will open October 17. Please continue to check the MAG website for any new/revised resolutions and items of business at http://www.mag.org/about-us/house-of-delegates.

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

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