MAG Notes & Key Accomplishments

In a 2014 survey, 93% of MAG members agree that MAG is the leading voice for physicians in Georgia, while 92% believe MAG is an effective advocate in the legislative arena, and nearly 80% say that MAG has a positive effect on their career as a physician.

MAG was the third-ranked trade or business association on James Magazine’s list of “Top Lobbyists & Associations” in Georgia in 2013.

MAG was the leading advocate for physicians in Georgia during the state legislative session in 2014. MAG protected its members from a number of scope of practice attacks (e.g., bills allowing PAs to prescribe Schedule II narcotics and allowing APRNs to order advanced radiographic images and allowing pharmacists to administer every adult vaccine under a blanket protocol) while it supported legislation to provide Georgians in rural parts of the state with greater access to physicians.

In 2013, more than 50 physicians attended the MAG’s “Physicians’ Day at the Capitol” event in January – and nearly 50 physicians and 11 state legislators attended MAG’s “Legislative Update” meeting on St. Simons Island in July.

MAG had more than 40 physicians serve as “Doctor of the Day” volunteers at MAG’s Medical Aid Station at the State Capitol during the legislative session in 2014.

MAG’s Health Policy and Third Party Payer Advocacy Department continues to represent MAG members on a number of advisory committees at the state and national levels.

In 2013, MAG helped more than 100 practices resolve payment or practice management problems from an advisory standpoint. MAG also helped a number of practices resolve payment issues with health insurance companies, while MAG’s Third Party Payer Committee continued to address important issues like prior authorization and Medicaid.

MAG has filed a number of amicus briefs to support physicians. MAG has also added a number of legal resources that are available to its members on an exclusive basis on its www.mag.org website, including its “Model Medical Staff Bylaws,” articles that were written for MAG’s Journal, a physician’s retirement guide, and a Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act provisions and timeline summary.

MAG has won two awards for its website. In addition, MAG has enhanced its website by adding the full inventory of the audio recordings of its popular town hall forums that address some of today’s most pressing practice management and public policy issues, as well as a new page that highlights key payer deadlines.

MAG accredits 41 CME providers – as well as the health care programs for 10 jails and 43 prisons.

MAG membership is up by 35 percent since 2010.