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For Nearly 170 years the Northampton Medical Society has worked to protect physicians and their patients through legislation and advocacy.

The Northampton County Medical Society and the Pennsylvania Medical Society need your support as we strive to represent the interests of all Pennsylvanian Physicians. We have achieved many gains for physicians throughout the state in the last few years with the help of our members. We continue to represent physicians in all specialties and work toward keeping you up to date with the latest information to help you in your profession.

- ▶ Physician support has helped us maintain a reasonable requirement for physicians while addressing a major opioid abuse problem in our state.
- ▶ We have worked with the Attorney General, Josh Shapiro, to gather comments and input from physicians to make the system less burdensome for physicians.
- ▶ We have helped to make naloxone widely available to combat our current heroin crisis, through your help we are saving many lives. Our efforts granted immunity from prosecution for prescribers and those administering this medication, which keeps you safe while helping save addicted individuals.
- ▶ Physician participation has helped us return millions of dollars to physicians through refunds in the Mcare Settlement that we initiated and settled. Premiums now reflect more reasonable payments to the fund.
- ▶ We have been rigorously pursuing fixes to the MOC process, to make it fair and we oppose MOC programs that do not allow physicians to learn from their mistakes and access resources as they would in their practices.
- ▶ We are working on Credentialing issues and are pushing aggressively for legislation to require prompt credentialing of physicians.
- ▶ We are working on Prior Authorization and Informed consent legislation.
- ▶ We have been and continue to fight two bills that would grant CRNP's autonomy without the oversight of a physician. Physicians need to continue to lead team based care.
- ▶ We are working with our legislators to address Medical Marijuana uses and want to put physicians at the forefront as the voice of reason as we explore possible advantages and harm to patients and our communities as a whole.
- ▶ We are advocating and lobbying for Loan Repayment and Forgiveness programs and more residency programs that will help keep future physicians in our state and are looking for ways to focus physicians to underserved areas.
- ▶ We continue to advocate and focus on legislation to help and protect physicians in the workplace.
- ▶ We are working with our legislators to address a telemedicine environment with patient safeguards and adequate physician reimbursement.

These are just a few of the issues that your membership can help with and we hope you will help us guide the future of healthcare and create a positive environment for physicians.

Please help us by supporting Organized Medicine.

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