



At a Glance: Membership Benefits in the Mendocino-Lake and California Medical Societies

Advocacy - Representing physicians and their patients in the Legislature, the courts, and to regulators. Examples:

- Laws, litigation, and voter initiatives to create and preserve moderate malpractice insurance rates while ensuring proper compensation for injured patients
- Limiting the scope of practice of various practitioners based on their level of training/education
- Eliminating unfair business practices against physicians and patients
- Preserving physician authority over clinical decision making in health care settings
- Promoting good public health policy (examples: motorcycle and bicycle helmets; smoking bans; childhood immunization requirements)

Public Health & Community Health

- Promoting appropriate public health policy at the state and local level
- Working with public health agencies to combat public health threats
- Addressing public health concerns (examples: opioid abuse; end-of-life care; smoking; student health)
- Working with other state and local health care organizations to promote access to care

Promoting the Physician Community

- Bringing physicians together for networking and educational events locally and in statewide programs
- Promoting physician health and well-being through educational programs and support
- Supporting physicians-in-training through educational and scholarship programs

Practice Survival, Guidance, and Personal Support

- Providing direct assistance with practice management or payment recovery issues
- Providing guidance through “how-to” publications, seminars and webinars, and direct assistance
- Providing an extensive online library of guidance on medical-legal, regulatory, practice management and a host of other issues affecting the practice of medicine
- Creating organizations to address key issues affecting physicians (examples: doctor-owned malpractice carriers; health care delivery plans; medical collection agencies; management services organizations)
- Providing group programs to address personal and professional needs (examples: Life, health and disability insurance; Workers’ Compensation Insurance; HIPAA compliance programs; HR management services and medical waste management services.)

Opportunity to Influence Health Care Policy - Through the local and state governance processes of MLCMS and the CMA, members have the ability to come together to develop well thought-out health care policy and then speak through a unified voice to policymakers and the public to make those policies a reality.

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