



LEGISLATION COMMITTEE—Your Advocacy Partner

AMA Alliance Website: www.amaalliance.org - Legislative: <http://www.amaalliance.org/site/advocacy>

Better than any professional lobbyist, Alliance members help to give state and federal elected officials an accurate assessment of the effect that health legislation has on patients and families.

The AMA Alliance website connects you to the tools you need to be an effective advocate. Just click on “Legislative” in the tool bar to access a wide selection of resources, including:

AMA Alliance Action Network/Training: Features links to the AMA Legislative Action Center, signup for Grassroots Network email alerts, link to our VIPs (Very Influential Physician Spouse) program, and a current Congressional Directory with committee listings and voting records.

AMPAC: Links to bipartisan political action committee information and Candidate and Campaign School applications

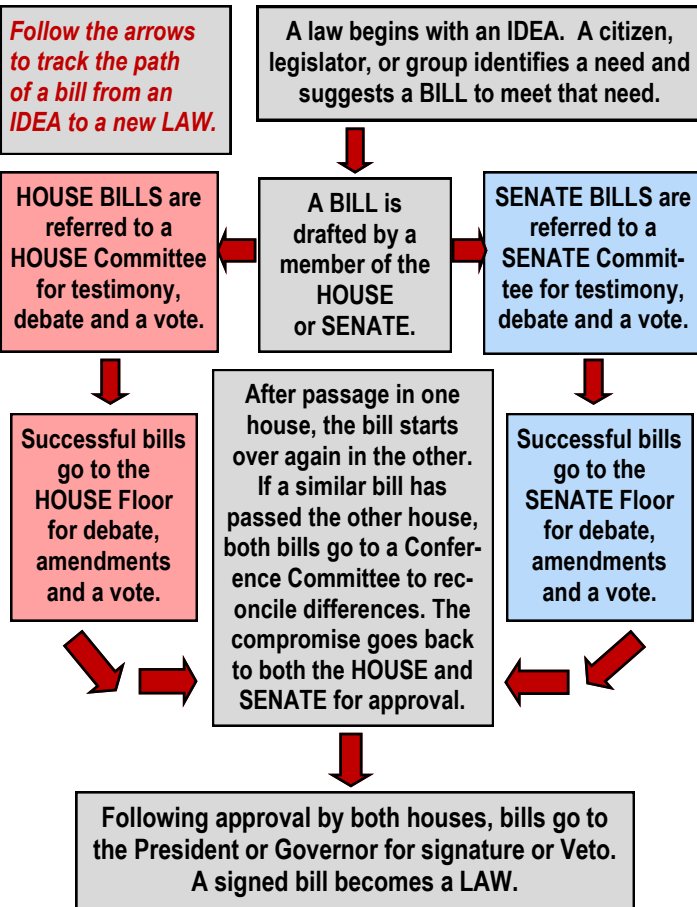
Hot Button Topics: Features simple explanations of timely legislative issues which impact health care.

Legislative Advocacy Guide: Includes links to the Legislative Advocacy News page, PDF files of the AMAA Legislation Committee Resource Guide, the “Top Ten Ways to Become a More Effective Advocate,” “Legislative Advocacy Guide 2013,” “AMA A Legislative Advocacy 101” as both a PDF and Power Point, and “The Do’s and Don’ts of Lobbying.”

These valuable resources are available at no cost to download, print and share with Alliance members.



How a Bill Becomes a Law



TOP TEN WAYS to

Become a More Effective Advocate

- REGISTER to vote and then always vote
- Learn who your state and federal legislators are.
- Get to know your own legislators in your community.
- Arrange a personal meeting with your legislator.
- Send a personal note or letter to your legislator.
- Send prepaid U.S. post cards on specific issues or legislation.
- Make phone calls.
- Email (if you must).
- Make your personal communication count.
- Increase your own advocacy clout.
- Cultivate relationships with staff members.

Specific and detailed information about how to easily and effectively accomplish each of these is available as a PDF in the Legislation section of the AMA Alliance website.

AMA Alliance Legislation Committee: Your Advocacy Resource Partner

Members of the AMA Alliance Legislation Committee provide legislative alerts to state Alliances and are available to help medical families become more effective advocates. Contact information can be found in the AMA Alliance Membership Directory.

2014-15 AMAA Legislation Committee

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Advocacy “DO’s” & “DONT’S”

DO educate and influence elected officials about specific pieces of legislation or policy.

DON’T engage in electioneering or political activities like fundraising or endorsing parties or candidates
AS A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ALLIANCE.