

Legislature Adjourns, Shifting Advocacy to Local Outreach

With the legislative session adjourned for the year, advocacy efforts must shift to a local approach. Grassroots advocacy remains one of the most effective ways for membership associations to communicate positions with decision-makers. The MAFP website has been updated with additional resources, and more will be added soon.

We encourage you to use MAFP as a resource as you engage with your local legislators. MAFP's [How to Advocate](#) page contains a wealth of information on grassroots advocacy. Use it to find [coffee hour dates](#) and locations (member login required). Check back often for updates regarding family physicians and legislation important to the practice of family medicine.

Legislation aimed at expanding scope of practice for non-physicians remains a top MAFP concern. Senate Bill 279, if passed, would expand the scope of practice for nurse practitioners to prescribe controlled substances and diagnose and treat patients without physician oversight.

Each member has access to resources to empower them to become better advocates for their practices, communities, patients, and themselves. Do not hesitate to contact MAFP government relations staff with any questions you may have.