



Colorado Medical Society

"Advocating excellence in the profession of medicine"

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Who Are We?

The Colorado Medical Society (CMS) is an association of physicians who advocate for their patients in all matters of health and medical care. Our nearly 7,000 members represent all specialties and practice settings.

What Do We Do?

We advocate for physicians – and their patients – in the legislative, regulatory and private arenas to facilitate an environment that helps physicians provide timely, high quality health care to all Coloradans.

Top Priorities

Comprehensive Health Care Reform: Guaranteeing access to care for all Coloradans

The health care system in Colorado is broken and the entire system needs to be reformed. After receiving an edict from its members to pursue reform, CMS established the Physicians' Congress for Health Care Reform to serve as a rallying point for physicians to engage in thoughtful dialogue about health care reform.

Medical Liability: Maintaining a stable climate

The Colorado Legislature's 1988 passage of the Health Care Availability Act (HCAA) established caps damages in medical liability cases that have resulted in both stable malpractice premiums for physicians and a relatively stable pool of physicians, especially in high-risk specialties such as obstetrics, trauma and surgery.

Practice Viability: Ensuring that all medical practices have a healthy bottom line

Physicians cannot provide quality health care when their practices are struggling just to break even. CMS works within the legislative and regulatory arena to promote policies that ensure that physicians are paid fairly and appropriately for their services. We also advocate for streamlining administrative processes to minimize waste and delay.

Scopes of Practice: Coordinated, integrated care

Physicians work side-by-side with non-physician health practitioners every day and greatly value their unique contributions to patient care. We believe that patients benefit from coordinated, integrated care provided in a team setting. Scopes of practice for the varying providers differ because education and training differ between the professions.

Prevention: Assuring that all Coloradans become and stay healthy

CMS works with allied stakeholders to advocate for policies that promote health and wellness, such as increasing childhood immunizations and advocating for "medical homes" that coordinate a patient's medical care.

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