

ASMA's Mission Statement

The Alaska State Medical Association advocates on behalf of physicians and for the health and well-being of all Alaskans. The association strives to advance medical science, to extend medical knowledge, to elevate the standards of medical education and to foster the enactment and enforcement of appropriate medical laws; to promote friendly interchange among physicians; to foster and guard the legitimate interests of members of the medical profession and to protect them against imposition; and to enlighten and direct public opinion with regard to the problems of medicine, so that the profession shall become more capable and honorable within itself and more useful to the public in the prevention and treatment of disease.

Join us today!

Full membership is open to physicians (MDs and DOs) licensed to practice in Alaska. Affiliate membership is open to Alaska-licensed physician assistants. Apply for membership by going to asmadocs.org and clicking the Membership link.

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Alaska State Medical Association membership is an investment that pays big dividends to your practice and your patients.

Our member-directed organization works every day to resolve issues ranging from fair reimbursement for physicians to patient safety and public health. ASMA is your voice on legislative and regulatory issues that affect you, your patients and your practice.

By becoming a member, you join forces with hundreds of practicing physicians backed by decades of accomplishments in promoting the ideals of the medical profession and protecting the quality of medicine in Alaska.

Member benefits include:

- ** Legislative advocacy in Juneau and Washington
- ** Leadership development program delivered with a grant from Physicians Foundation
- ** Professional development, with links and advisories on webinars, conferences and other opportunities
- ** Communication tools, among them a website and a bimonthly newsletter
- ** A comprehensive online medical directory

Group purchasing discounts available through:



Advocacy & Other Milestones

2005 - 2010

- ASMA worked toward passage of medical liability reform in Alaska to drastically lower the caps on non-economic damages.
- Successfully sponsored an effort to have the Alaska Legislature modify the Advanced Health Care Directive law.
- Assisted with the passage of legislation to increase the number of Alaska seats in the WWAMI medical school from 10 to 20.
- Worked on the Medicare access crisis as part of a coalition of medical groups under the banner of "Alaskans for Access to Health Care."
- Worked with Alaskans for Access to Health Care toward the establishment of a Medicare clinic in Anchorage.
- Medicare clinic funding approved by the Legislature. ASMA participated in site selection and initial staffing.

2011

Alaska Medicare Clinic opened in June and by December had seen more than 1,000 patients.

2012

Partnered with MIEC to provide ASMA members free access to a secure, HIPAA-compliant mobile app, to expedite communication between physicians.

2013

Began offering group purchasing discounts to members through Intalere.

2014

Lobbied successfully for passage of "I'm Sorry" legislation.

2015-16

Protected WWAMI funding in Legislature and successfully lobbied for physician-friendly changes to Prescription Drug Monitoring Program.

2017-18

Launched a medical "truth in advertising" campaign on social media, fought back efforts by insurers to eliminate the "80th percentile" rule, and arranged for free MACRA/MIPS Navigator support for ASMA members, sponsored by MIEC.

2019

Convinced state officials to exempt physicians from the 72-hour rule, worked to save pediatricians from Medicaid rate cuts, and started a leadership training program for Alaska physicians.

2020

Maintained physicians' voice with state health officials during COVID-19 pandemic, disseminated ever-changing information and mandates to the medical community, and organized efforts to distribute much-needed PPE.

2021

Continued to support physicians and state public health officials in efforts to provide care and resources combatting COVID-19. Continued support of WWAMI. Successfully worked for passage of "curbside consult" legislation to help preserve the free and open communication among physicians offering expertise in helping another provider care for his/her patients. An active Physician Health Committee, supporting physicians with health and wellness recovery for more than 40 years.