



Advocating for Physicians and the Health of all Nebraskans

Advocating for our Patients

Childhood Obesity

The NMA actively advocates for our most precious patient population through a special focus on child health and obesity. The Foster Healthy Weight in Youth Provider Toolkit and Resources developed by NMA Member Karla Lester, MD, and DHHS through a CDC grant help set standards for physicians to use in their clinics. In addition to the toolkit, the resources developed for physicians and patients are housed on the newly launched Childhood Obesity Prevention Project page of the NMA website.

The NMA is represented in many groups working in the area of child health such as the Nutrition, Physical Activity and Obesity Advisory Group, the Coordinated School Health Statewide Partnership Workgroup, and Nebraska Action for Healthy Kids.

The NMA Committee on Public Health is forming partnerships with other stakeholders and organizations across the state to lobby state policy makers to take action and address the growing epidemic of childhood obesity in Nebraska.

Health Care Reform

With passage of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act in March of 2010, the NMA will keep members informed on how this legislation will impact physicians and their patients.

Medical Home

The NMA's Committee on Medical Home is working with commercial and governmental insurers to educate and provide information on the NMA Core Principles as the Medical Home concept is implemented in pilot locations across the state.

Motorcycle Helmet Law

NMA has continued to work to fight the repeal of the state's motorcycle helmet law. This issue is repeatedly brought before the Nebraska Legislature and we remain active in efforts to retain the law. States without motorcycle helmet laws have far greater mortality rates and permanent injuries.

Men's and Women's Health

The Section on Men's Health and Section on Women's Health continue to develop and disseminate information on men's and women's health and related events. Numerous events with participating NMA members have been held throughout the state in past years.

Patient Grievances

Patient grievances are heard through a review process utilized through the local medical societies with the assistance of the NMA's Board of Councilors.

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Advocating for our Physicians

State Senator Meetings

Every year the NMA, in conjunction with our county societies, meet with our state senators to discuss upcoming legislation.

Lobbying

NMA's lobbyist keeps senators informed and educated about issues of interest to the state's medical community.

Nebraska Hospital Medical Liability Act

Nebraska is a more desirable state to practice medicine because of our malpractice award cap. This is due to the efforts of the NMA and its Professional Liability Committee which meets twice a year. We continue to work with the Legislature to maintain the cap.

Nebraska Medical Association Political Action Committee

Our PAC meets routinely throughout the year to identify and support candidates and legislators who understand and are supportive of Nebraska physician and patient issues.

Nebraska Medical Foundation

The NMA Foundation awards scholarships to medical students and also supports other grant requests throughout the year.

Regulatory Advocacy

NMA works with commercial insurance carriers as well as Medicare and Medicaid to bring physician issues to the forefront and advocate for an efficient resolution. Through various advisory councils and NMA committees, physicians can voice their concerns in a concerted effort.

Representation

NMA represents the interest of Nebraska physicians on countless committees and commissions on important topics including: Medicaid, Medicare, mental health, professional liability, rural health, health insurance, public health, worker's compensation and many more.

Member Benefits

COPIC Medical Malpractice Insurance

Malpractice insurance is available at a 10 percent reduced premium rate for all NMA members.

NMA Health Plan

Blue Cross/Blue Shield group health insurance is available to all NMA members, their families, and office staff. This insurance is portable.

Foster Group

NMA has entered into an agreement with this financial consulting firm to manage NMA assets as well as to advise individual members.

MedjetAssist

Discounted rate on medical evacuation insurance for NMA members, staff and their families.

Delivering Knowledge

Nebraska Medicine, NMA News, STAT and other publications such as the Physician's Voter's Guide as well as events and other special communications. Topics include medical liability, insurance reimbursement, Medicare/Medicaid and other current topics.

Lobbying

NMA advocates for Nebraska patients and physicians by lobbying at the state and federal levels and mobilizing physicians for grassroots efforts.

Solutions for Medical Practice

Assistance with regulatory payment issues and legal questions along with access to resources to help physicians address practice issues.

Education

NMA offers workshops on topics from the roles and responsibilities of medical staff, risk management and coding. The sessions are designed to meet physician and staff needs as they face the challenges of practicing medicine.

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