Medical Association of Georgia

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Medical Association of Georgia

- Founded in 1849
- Leading voice for medical profession in Georgia
- Nearly 7,500 members
- MAG creates value for every physician in Georgia because MAG represents every physician in Georgia
- Leader in state legal and legislative arenas
- Members include solo physicians, small group physicians, multispecialty physicians, health system physicians, as well as academic institutions
Federal Advocacy
Ensuring patient access

- **Sustainable Growth Rate**
  - 24% cuts January 1
  - Congressional Action?

- **ICD-10**
  - Implementation on October 1, 2014
  - HR 1701 (Poe) and S 972 (Coburn) – halts implementation

- **Telemedicine**
  - Telehealth services occur at location of practitioner, not patient
  - Will eventually remove need for state licensure and promote national licensure
  - HR 3507 (Peters, Thompson, Harper)

- **Narrow Networks**
  - Medicare Advantage and United Healthcare
  - Health Insurance Exchanges
State Legislative Advocacy
Enhancing the practice environment

- Preserving Physician Autonomy
  - Transparency Bill
  - Scope of Practice Challenges

- Medicaid Reform

- Tort Reform
  - Oppose SB 141 – Patients Compensation System
  - Early Resolution of Claims

- Health Insurance Reform
  - MAG will promote the prohibition of “all products clauses.”

- Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA)
  - Implementation of health insurance exchanges/protecting patients/physicians

- Increasing Access to Care
  - Tax credits for rural areas
  - Limited license for internationally trained physicians

- Prescription Drugs Monitoring Program
Opposition to SB 141
Bad for physicians=bad for patients

- **Legal Challenges**
  - Unconstitutional
  - Mandatory National Practitioner Database Reporting

- **Increase Costs**
  - 13% to 105% cost of current system

- **Increase Claims**
  - Over 1730% increase on “insignificant injury”

- **Physician/Healthcare Provider Tax**
  - $30 million in new taxes
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