

**THE MEDICAL SOCIETY OF THE
STATE OF NEW YORK
POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE
“MSSNYPAC”**

REAL VALUE FOR ALL NEW
YORK PHYSICIANS



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**MSSNYPAC: REAL VALUE FOR
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- Hundreds of bills in areas which impact the practice of medicine are considered by the NYS Legislature each year. These include:
 - Managed Care
 - Medical Liability
 - Medicaid Reimbursement
 - Clinical Practice Issues
 - Professional Medical Conduct
 - Non-Physician Scope of Practice
 - Taxes on Physician Services

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- We secure legislation which drives an affirmative physician-patient agenda.
- We defeat many proposals that would unfairly jeopardize your ability to render care.

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Imagine the headlines that could
very well appear in the news
without MSSNYPAC

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“Legislature Passes 10% Physician
Gross Receipts Tax!”

“Legislature Doubles
Physician Registration Fee!”

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“Legislature Passes Trial Lawyer
Wrongful Death Expansion & Extends
Statute of Limitations!”

“Legislature Limits Charges by Out-of-
Network Physicians!”

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“Legislature Endangers Physician Assets By Eliminating Physician Excess Insurance Program!”

“Legislature Increases Lawyers Contingent Fees!”

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What has MSSNYPAC actually accomplished for you during 2009-2010 Legislative Session?

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- Two year freeze on physician liability premiums saving you thousands of dollars.
- Defeated a \$400 increase in your registration fees.
- Secured managed care reforms that expedite processing of physician claims.
- Secured managed care reforms to limit the ability of HMOs to deny claims and reduce payment.

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- Secured enactment of legislation to re-institute Insurance Department review and approval of health insurance premium rates.
- Secured enactment of legislation to increase to 82% the minimum medical loss ratio that insurers must maintain for small group and individual (direct market) products.

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- Defeated proposed 9.63% surcharge on radiological and surgical services performed in physician office.
- Defeated HMO legislation to limit physicians' ability to refuse to participate in a plan.
- Secured enactment of the Family Health Care Decisions Act to enable appointment of a surrogate to make health care decisions for incapacitated individuals.

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- Secured enactment of requirement that auto insurers cover care provided to intoxicated drivers in ER.
- Defeated bills to expand scope of practice of Podiatrists, Dentists, Naturopaths, Nurse Anesthetists and Optometrists.

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- Defeated Regressive Trial Lawyer bills:
 - Repeal of contingency fee limitations;
 - Extend statute of limitations;
 - Expand damages in wrongful death actions.
- Enactment of any of these bills would have substantively added to the 5% increase by as much as 11%, 15.6% and 53% respectfully.

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- MSSNYPAC no longer tied to AMPAC– So all physicians (not just MSSNY Members) can join. All monies collected devoted to support candidates that support physician state legislative goals.
 - Focus exclusively on New York State issues and candidates

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- MSSNYPAC is more necessary and important than ever before. A strong MSSNYPAC will enable us to:
 - Accomplish meaningful medical liability reforms.
 - Continue to defeat terribly expensive regressive tort law changes.
 - Secure additional reforms of burdensome, duplicative and unnecessary practices used by the managed care industry including the right of physicians to act collectively!
 - Assure that quality care standards are established by physicians- not bureaucrats or company bean counters.
 - Achieve fair reimbursement under Medicaid and other governmentally and commercially sponsored programs.

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- MSSNYPAC is the most effective vehicle for physicians to become involved.
 - Become informed.
 - Build and grow your relationships with political leaders.
 - Attend political events.
 - Host political events at your home.
 - Work with your colleagues in your community to raise money for candidates who share your views.

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- MSSNYPAC is strong but it can become infinitely stronger if you join.
 - You will provide MSSNYPAC valuable insight on issues and about politicians with whom you have a relationship.
 - Through you, MSSNYPAC will learn more about organizations with which you are involved and network to build the power of organized medicine.

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- Affecting public policy change in Albany requires political strength.
 - Political strength is measured in numbers.
 - With new members we will have more resources to elect public officials who share our views.
 - Running for office if very costly.
- New members create a more powerful political organization which will produce outcomes that will increasingly reflect the legitimate interests of our physicians.

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- Join MSSNYPAC today!
 - \$175. Supporter membership
 - \$300. Benefactor
 - \$500. Patron
 - \$750. Sponsor*
 - \$1000. Chairman's Club*
 - *Installment payments permitted**
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