



Tips for talking with legislators

#RaiseYourVoice

Address your state legislator as:

- *Senator*, if they are a member of the Senate, or
- *Representative*, if they are a member of the House of Representatives.
- Do not refer to them as Congressman, Congresswoman or Congressperson.

Know your issue and bring effective handouts.

Visit the MMA website at mnmed.org for issue briefs and talking points on key issues.

Be brief and concise when meeting with, or writing to, your legislator. Tell them why you support or oppose an issue in terms they will understand. Use personal experience and stories whenever possible to help illustrate the issue.

Offer to be of assistance to them. For example, bring your business card and offer to serve as a resource whenever they have a question on health care.

Thank them for their time.



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MMA Legislative Priorities 2019



Preserving MinnesotaCare and Medical Assistance

coverage by adopting on-going, stable funding mechanism for the expiring, outdated provider tax.

Ensuring continuation of **drug therapy for patients with chronic medication needs** by limiting the ability of health plans or pharmacy benefit managers to restrict access to drugs once a patient begins a therapy.

Supporting legislation that ensures prescribers **receive real-time notifications** on formulary changes and alternative covered drugs.

Supporting **funding to address the opioid crisis**, including funds to ensure Prescription Monitoring Program access through the EHR and to address addiction treatment, prevention, and education.

Supporting changes to the **Minnesota Health Records Act to align with federal HIPAA laws** to improve efforts to better coordinate patient care and reduce duplication of services.