

## Leadership Day Asks

The American College of Physicians is the largest medical specialty organization and the second largest physician membership society in the United States. ACP members include 161,000 internal medicine physicians, related subspecialists, and medical students. Internal medicine physicians are specialists who apply scientific knowledge, clinical expertise, and compassion to the preventive, diagnostic, and therapeutic care of adults across the spectrum from health to complex illness.

Internal medicine physicians are the foundation of clinical care, serving and leading in every practice setting and community, caring for patients throughout their health care journey. To help improve patient access to care and strengthen the primary care workforce, we are asking Members of Congress to:

1. **Co-sponsor and H.R. 879, the Medicare Patient Access and Practice Stabilization Act**, a bipartisan bill that would stop the 2.83 percent cut in Medicare payments this year while providing a 2 percent increase in payment for the remainder of 2025.
2. **Protect Medicaid Coverage**, by supporting policies that protect Medicaid coverage and ensure access to health care for our most vulnerable patients across the country.
3. **Protect and Invest in Public Health Initiatives, Research, and Health Workforce**, by rejecting arbitrary cuts, reorganization, and consolidation that degrades HHS and its ability to support research and deliver evidence-based public health services. Protect resources already appropriated and awarded and sustain funding for these public health programs in FY 2026, including: \$500 million for AHRQ, \$11.6 billion for the CDC, \$10.5 billion for HRSA, and \$51.3 billion for NIH.