



LEGISLATION COMMITTEE—Your Advocacy Partner

AMA Alliance Website: www.amaalliance.org Legislative: <http://www.amaalliance.org/engage/advocacy>

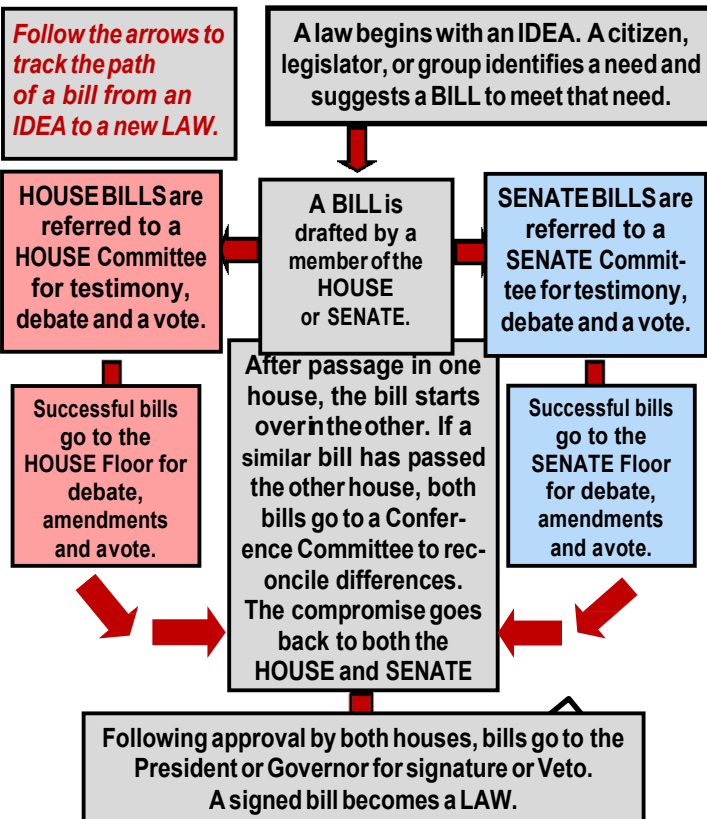
Better than any professional lobbyist, Alliance members help give state and federal elected officials an accurate assessment of the effect that medical legislation has on patients and families. The new AMA Alliance website connects you to the tools you need to be an effective advocate.

Under [Engage](#) → [Advocacy](#) → [Legislative and Public Affairs](#), access a wide selection of resources including:



- **Advocacy Toolkit:** Includes the [Legislative Advocacy Guide](#), [AMAA Legislative Committee Resource Guide](#) for distribution, the [Relationship Building and Effective Advocacy](#) power point, and the [AMAA Legislative Advocacy 101](#) pdf and Power Point, for use by State and County Alliances as well as the [Do's and Don'ts of Lobbying](#).
- **Advocacy Networking and Action:** Features links to [Find your Legislator](#), get [Grassroots Network email alerts](#), the link to our partnership Political Action Committee [AMPAC](#), the [AMAA VIPS \(Very Influential Physician Spouse\)](#) program, and the link to our partnership [AMA Legislative Action Center](#).
- **Advocacy Events:** Important meeting and training dates to know
- **Advocacy Topics:** Take a look at the current [AMAA Legislative priorities](#) and [AMAA Legislative Archives](#).

How a Bill Becomes a Law



TOP TEN WAYS to Become a More Effective Advocate

- Register to vote—and then *always* vote
 - Find out who your state and federal legislators are. Get to know your own legislators.
 - Arrange a personal meeting
 - Send a personal note or letter.
 - Send prepaid U.S. post cards on specific issues or legislation.
 - Make phone calls.
 - Email (if you must).
 - Make your personal communication count even more.
 - Increase your own advocacy clout.
- Specific and detailed information about how to easily and effectively accomplish each of these is available in the Advocacy section of the AMA Alliance website.*

AMA Alliance Legislation Committee: Your Advocacy Resource Partner

Members of the AMA Alliance Legislation Committee work to provide members with the most current and relevant legislative information and are available to help medical families become more effective advocates. Contact at www.amaalliance.org/

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Advocacy "DO's" & "DONT'S"

DO educate and influence elected officials about specific pieces of legislation or policy.

DON'T engage in electioneering or political activities like fundraising or endorsing parties or candidates
AS A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ALLIANCE.

