



Legislative Update

December 19, 2025

Dear MAFP Members,

A regulatory item that deserves your immediate attention is a proposal from the Missouri Board of Healing Arts to mandate one hour of Nutrition CME for all physicians. The rule was published in the [December 15 version of the Missouri Register](#). Please see page 1851, or page 53 of the PDF for the full text of the proposed rule. While nutrition education is important, MAFP has concerns about adding specific mandates that limit physician-directed CME and fail to recognize the broad nutrition training and counseling family physicians already provide. MAFP voiced opposition at the meeting where this rule was introduced and will send a letter opposing this mandate. We encourage members to submit comments to the Board before the public comment period closes. The address to send comments and a template message are below. Please personalize this message to reflect your perspective.

Anyone may file a statement in support of or in opposition to this proposed amendment with the Missouri State Board of Registration for the Healing Arts, PO Box 4, 3605 Missouri Boulevard, Jefferson City, MO 65102, by facsimile at (573) 751-3166, or via email at healingarts@pr.mo.gov. To be considered, comments must be received by January 15, 2026.

Dear Members of the Missouri Board of Healing Arts,

I am writing in opposition to the proposed requirement for one hour of nutrition CME.

As a proud family physician in [insert practice location], diverse, self-directed CME is essential for me to stay informed of the best care standards for my patients. Nutrition is frequently incorporated in CME that I choose to best serve my patient population. An additional mandate of tracking this CME creates unnecessary administrative burden without clear benefit.

[Insert other reasons you oppose state mandated CME]

For these reasons, I respectfully urge the Board to reconsider this requirement.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

*[Name], MD/DO/Other Designations
Family Physician
[City, Missouri]*



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Advocacy Day

We hope you'll join us for Family Physician Advocacy Day at the Capitol February 23 & 24. This two-day event is a valuable opportunity to connect with colleagues from across the state, share your story with lawmakers, and collectively advocate for policies that support patients and the practice of family medicine. Monday is dedicated to learning how to advocate and we will go visit with legislators on Tuesday. The MAFP Team will work to schedule your legislative appointments. Early registration is appreciated to give your MAFP Team to coordinate appointments. Our room block is limited and the hotel will fill quickly so please make lodging arrangements ASAP! Details (including schedule once finalized) and registration can be found at <https://www.mo-afp.org/advocacy/advocacy-day/>.

Thank you for your continued membership and for the work you do every day for your patients and communities. Your engagement through comments, advocacy, and simply staying informed strengthens our shared voice.

MAFP Bill Report

MAFP is tracking several bills on behalf of our members which are included in the attached priority legislation report.

2026 Dates of Interest:

- December 1, 2025 - Pre-filing of Bills
- January 7 - First Day of Session
- January 19 - Martin Luther King Holiday -- No Session
- February 23 & 24 – Family Medicine Advocacy Day
- February 27 - Last Day to file Senate Bills (Rule 48)
- March 13 - Last Day to Place Senate Consent Bills on the Senate Calendar (Rule 45)
- March 13 - Spring Break Begins
- March 23 - Return from Spring Break: Session Reconvenes
- April 6 - Easter Holiday
- April 15 - Last Day to Place House Consent Bills on the Senate Calendar (Rule 45)
- May 8 - Last Day for Floor Action on Appropriation Bills
- May 15 - Last Day of Session (Article III, Section 20(a), Const.)
- September 16 – Veto Session

Questions/Feedback

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