



December 2022 MAFP News & Events

2023 Virtual CME Series Registration

Registration for the 2023 Virtual CME series is open. Register for all four sessions at once to receive a discount. Sessions will be held from 6:00 - 8:00 pm each date offering 2 CME Credits.

Dates and topics include:

- February 23 – OB/GYN and Maternal Health
- March 23 – Adolescent Care
- April 27 – Men’s Health
- May 25 – Nutrition and Obesity

[Register Here](#)

If you’re interested in presenting a session, submit the call for presentations to Bill Plank (billplank@mo-afp.org).

Missouri Academy Advocacy Day 2023

Be the voice of Missouri Family Physicians by participating in Advocacy Day on February 13-14, 2023. This year’s event will be hosted at the Courtyard Marriott in Jefferson City.

There will be a detailed legislative briefing on Monday, February 13, from 6:00 – 8:30 p.m. This session will also be live-streamed via Zoom for those who register for that option. Tuesday, February 14, will include appointments with your legislators. This is a great opportunity for residents and students to engage on issues important to them.

MAFP will schedule the legislative appointments for you as needed.

You can view the full schedule on our website, <https://www.mo-afp.org/advocacy/advocacy-day/>, and register for the event.

Represent MAFP at NCCL in 2023

Funded delegate spots and scholarships available.

Believe it or not, it’s time to start planning your schedule for AAFP’s spring leadership conferences. The 2023 [National Conference of Constituency Leaders \(NCCL\)](#) will be held Tuesday-Thursday, May 9-11, 2023, in Kansas City, MO.

During NCCL, you will meet family physicians from across the United States, discuss and develop resolutions that shape AAFP policies and have the chance to be elected for various leadership positions for the next NCCL or as a delegate to the annual AAFP Congress of Delegates. MAFP delegates to NCCL each receive travel reimbursement according to the MAFP reimbursement policy.

The MAFP is looking for physician members who can represent five recognized special constituencies:

- International Medical Graduate (IMG) (an active member of the AAFP who graduated from a medical school outside the U.S., Canada, and Puerto Rico)
- LGBTQ+ Physician or Ally (an active AAFP member who self-identifies as LGBTQ+ or who is supportive of LGBTQ+ issues)
- Minority (an active AAFP member who is African American, Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander, American Indian, Alaska Native, or ethnic Latino)
- New Physician (an active AAFP member who has been in practice for less than seven years)
- Women (an active AAFP member who is a woman).

If you’re interested in representing Missouri at next year’s NCCL, [email Kathy Pabst at kpabst@mo-afp.org](mailto:kpabst@mo-afp.org).

Mark These 2023 Dates on Your Calendar!

- **February 13-14** - MAFP Advocacy Day - Courtyard Marriott, Jefferson City - [Learn more](#)
- **February 14** - MAFP Board of Directors Meeting - Courtyard Marriott, Jefferson City
- **February 23** - Virtual CME: OB/GYN and Maternal Health - [Learn more](#)
- **March 23** - Virtual CME: Adolescent Care - [Learn more](#)

Submit a Resolution for the 2023 Congress of Delegates

MAFP Members are invited to make a recommendation to the MAFP Board of Directors to consider a resolution to be submitted on behalf of our members at next year's [AAFP Congress of Delegates](#), October 25-27, 2023, Chicago. The Missouri Academy of Family Physicians considers many issues that are important to our members. The American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) Congress of Delegates (COD) meets annually to develop and set policy for the AAFP, and to elect its officers and the AAFP Board of Directors (BOD). More information can be found [here](#).

Practice and Career Resources Available

A majority of family physicians practice as employees of a hospital, health system, or physician group. To ensure your career success and well-being as an employed physician, it is important for you to understand the terms of your contract and to know how to negotiate to protect your best interests.

AAFP created resources to assist you in this process, but those resources cannot take the place of qualified and trusted advisors. Learn more about ways to optimize your employment contracting experience and set yourself up for success using the Academy resources below.

[Employment Contracting](#)

[Use the MAFP Career Center for future employment opportunities!](#)

Membership Dues Reminder

The MAFP's vision is to be recognized as the leading medical specialty organization for our patients and our members. We are dedicated to optimizing the health of Missouri's patients, families and communities by supporting family physicians in providing patient care, advocacy, education and research.

But we can't do this without you.

Renew your dues today and be a part of the team providing quality health care to Missourians.

**Reminder - Pay Your 2023
Membership Dues**

**Thank you for your membership!
We appreciate your support and
look forward to working with
you in 2023.**

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Other News and Updates

MO Health Professional Student Loan Repayment Program (SLRP) Accepting Applications

The SLRP program will be accepting applications from January 1 to March 1. The SLRP is a competitive federal grant program that allocates funds to states to award funding for educational loan repayment to Missouri licensed practicing psychiatry, medical, and dental health professionals in exchange for services in Missouri areas with a shortage of mental health, medical, and dental professionals. Repayment amounts up to \$50,000 are available for eligible primary care physicians and dentists (MD, DO, DDS, DMD).

SLRP recipients earn forgiveness of their loan repayment award through a service obligation. The obligation is two years of service per award, which is based on full-time qualifying employment.

Qualifying employment is considered as full-time, direct patient care in a HPSA providing primary health care services. You can search for HPSAs here. Full-Time employment in the SLRP is considered forty (40) hours per week. Hospitalists, emergency medicine physicians, and positions in inpatient facilities, and prisons do not qualify.

[Application](#) (PDF) | [Instructions](#) | Questions? DHSS.LoanRepayment@health.mo.gov or 800-891-7415

MoHealthNet Albuterol Inhaler and Nebulizer Quantity Limits

Quantity limits for [albuterol inhalers and nebulizer solution](#) went into effect on August 18, 2022. Adults are now limited to 3 albuterol inhalers (300 rescue doses) every 180 days. Participants of all ages are limited to 120 vials every 2 months.

If a physician or provider feels a patient needs albuterol inhalers or nebulizer solutions in excess of these limits, a letter of medical necessity and progress notes will need to be submitted.

Other things to consider when submitting an exception:

- Is this patient prescribed a controller medication?
- Is this patient using that controller medication as prescribed?
- Does the patient need a higher dose or additional controller medication?
- Are there alternate medications (i.e. SMART for asthma) that could be utilized with this patient?