



February 2022 MAFP News & Events

MAFP Advocacy Day Feb. 28 – March 1

Be the voice of Missouri Family Physicians by participating in Advocacy Day on February 28 – March 1, 2022. Events will be held both at Capitol Plaza Hotel in Jefferson City and virtually through Zoom.

[Register Here](#)

Schedule of Events

February 28, 2022

6:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Legislative Briefing at Capitol Plaza Hotel

Buffet Dinner at Capitol Plaza Hotel

Virtual Legislative Briefing *(You will receive a link to the Zoom meeting prior to the event.)*

March 1, 2022

8:00 – 9:00 a.m.

Buffet Breakfast at Capitol Plaza Hotel

Virtual Legislative Briefing

9:00 – 1:00 p.m.

Meetings with your legislators. *Scheduled by MAFP staff.*

11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Buffet Luncheon at Capitol Plaza Hotel

1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

MAFP Board of Directors Meeting

Membership Dues: Canceled on March 3

Please visit www.aafp.org/quickpay to pay your dues, if you have not already, or sign up for [AAFP's convenient monthly installment plan](#).

Don't miss out on valuable [membership benefits](#):

- CME and Events
- Professional Development
- Advocacy and Action
- Volunteering and Involvement

Thank you for your membership! Please call our office with any questions at 573-635-0830; our staff is happy to answer any questions. You can also contact AAFP at aafp@aafp.org or (800) 274-2237.

Deadline Extended: 2022 MAFP Membership Needs Assessment

Please take 14 minutes today to provide us with important information that will help guide the Academy for the next several years. Your input is truly appreciated and needed!

The information obtained from this survey will be used by the Missouri Academy of Family Physicians Board of Directors to determine how to allocate resources and best serve you. All responses are kept confidential. These results will also be used in the development of the 2023-2025 strategic plan.

By completing the entire survey and including your name, you become eligible for a \$100 Mastercard gift card. **Please complete the survey by February 18, 2022.** The drawing will occur after the survey is closed.

[Take the Survey](#)

Registration Open for the Spring Scientific CME Series

The Missouri Academy of Family Physicians is hosting four virtual sessions in 2022 for our members to conveniently earn CME! Each session will be held via Zoom from 6:00 – 8:00 pm.

Member registration is \$25 per session or \$75 for all four sessions.

February 17, 2022 – Neurology
March 17, 2022 – Geriatrics
April 21, 2022 – Cancer
May 19, 2022 – Musculoskeletal

For more details on topics and speakers, visit: <https://www.mo-afp.org/cme-events/spring-cme/>.

[Register Now](#)

Represent MAFP at NCCL in 2022

Believe it or not, it's already time to start planning your schedule for AAFP's spring leadership conferences. Each year, AAFP holds the National Conference of Constituency Leaders and Annual Chapter Leader Forum together in Kansas City, Missouri. NCCL representatives and ACLF attendees from across the nation gather to discuss various issues, suggest policies and programs to AAFP, and receive leadership training. In 2022, the conferences will be held April 28-30 and MAFP is looking for members to serve on the delegation representing the following constituencies: new physicians (physicians who have been out of residency for seven years or fewer), women, minorities, international medical graduates, and LGBT physicians. MAFP reimburses your travel for each of the five delegates.

Interested? Email Kathy Pabst at kpabst@mo-afp.org by **February 15**.

For more information about NCCL, go to www.aafp.org/events/aclf-nccl/nccl.html and for more on ACLF, go to www.aafp.org/events/aclf-nccl/aclf.html.

Important News from the Show-Me-State

ABFM Extends All Stage Requirement Deadlines by Six Months

The American Board of Family Medicine (ABFM) honors the exceptional commitment that family physicians have made to providing high-quality care for their patients and their communities during the COVID-19 pandemic. It also recognizes that these continue to be challenging times, and wants to allow those who have been impacted by the recent surges to focus on what is most important: your patients and your families.

As the ABFM has monitored the clinical needs necessitated by the ongoing pandemic, it is committed to providing additional time for you to complete your certification stage activities. The ABFM will also continue to support residents and residency programs with flexibility, as needed, to allow 2022 graduates to meet their training requirements on time. Please visit the ABFM website for details on the stage requirement deadline extension.

AAFP Forms New Commission on DEI in Family Medicine

After an assessment of AAFP's diversity, equity and inclusion (DEI) efforts and identifying new DEI opportunities, the AAFP Board of Directors approved the formation of the Commission on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusiveness in Family Medicine (DEI-FM). This commission will work to identify opportunities to integrate DEI throughout AAFP's key strategic priorities and operations.

It will apply diversity, equity, inclusiveness, and antiracism lenses to inform and guide the Academy's recommendations, policies and work addressing disparities in care, health and workforce, and the commission will be led by our current board chair, Ada D. Stewart, MD, FAAFP. The commission will kick off in June with a meeting in Kansas City. The initial commission will have 10 members and will grow to a total of 22 members by 2024.

Members who are interested in serving on this commission should submit their [online applications](#) by **Feb. 25**.

COVID-19 Outpatient Inhaler Treatment

Effective for dates of service on or after 7/1/2021, MO HealthNet will allow Hospital & Clinic providers to bill for an inhaler if the participant is diagnosed with COVID or the participant has been exposed to COVID-19, and the facility is awaiting test results. [Learn More.](#)

This Is Our Chance to Shape Our Specialty's Future

From AAFP News, January 28, 2022 — Three 2021 residency graduates share their opinions on the ACGME's proposed residency requirements for family medicine and urge others to participate in a public comment period that closes Feb. 11. [Read More.](#)



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- Fast—5 minutes to complete

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Missouri's Grade – American Lung Association State of Tobacco Control Report

The American Lung Association released their 20th annual “State of Tobacco Control” 2022 report. The report shows significant progress in reducing tobacco use over the past 20 years. This year, Missouri received a passing grade for coverage and access to services to quit tobacco. A key component of this grade is that Missouri's Medicaid (MO HealthNet) coverage for tobacco cessation is comprehensive and helps thousands of Missourians break the powerful addiction of tobacco. The passage of Medicaid expansion supported by the majority of Missouri voters is another win for tobacco cessation coverage and access. The smoking rate for adults significantly declined to 17.8%, down from 19.6% in last year's report. Yet we still have plenty of work to do, with 24.8% of Missouri high schoolers using tobacco (including e-cigarettes). We also must continue to fight for Medicaid expansion in Missouri to be fully funded, and for local control that allows local Missouri governments to pass strong tobacco control laws. [View Missouri's Report.](#)

Medicare Unveils Updated Payment Rate for 2022

CMS announced new payment rates for the 2022 Medicare physician fee schedule as a result of the Protecting Medicare and American Farmers from Sequester Cuts Act. The AMA estimates the law will have a positive impact on family medicine. Chapters may wish to share this information with members. The updated conversion factor is included in newly updated spreadsheets on the [CMS website \(www.cms.gov\)](http://www.cms.gov).

Coding and Payment Resources Available

New resources are available to help family physicians optimize practice revenue in 2022. Coding and payment updates in the January/February FPM journal and a webpage highlighting payment topics and tools and a Family Medicine Practice Hack video can educate physicians and care teams about their options. [Learn More.](#)