

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 163,000 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. Additionally, internal medicine is the specialty with the largest number of active physicians specializing in primary care, with 120,342 internal medicine physicians being identified as specializing in primary care in 2021.

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 strengthen the primary care workforce, ensure continued access to vaccines, and protect patient access to care, we are asking Members of Congress to:

1. **Cosponsor H.R. 2028/S. 942, the REDI (Resident Education Deferred Interest) Act**, which would allow borrowers to qualify for interest-free deferment on their federal student loans while in a medical or dental internship or residency program.
2. **Cosponsor H.R.5448/S.2857, the Protecting Free Vaccines Act**, which would protect public health by ensuring that patients will have access to well-established vaccines backed by rigorous scientific standards and fact-based science, without cost-sharing.
3. **Co-sponsor H.R. 8163, the Provider Reimbursement Stability Act of 2026**, a bipartisan bill that would help strengthen and stabilize the Medicare payment system by reducing the annual payment cuts in the fee schedule due to the budget neutrality mandate.