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2022 LEGISLATIVE REPORT

INTRODUCTION

THE 2022 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

On January 10, 2022, the 55th Arizona Legislature's Second Regular Session convened, determined to return to a sense of normalcy after enduring two years of instability and unpredictability brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic. All meetings were held in person, and remote participation was no longer an option, even for those who requested it.

The session began with Governor Doug Ducey's final State of the State address, where he introduced his policy priorities, which included border security, water supply, and expanding school choice.



As expected, health care was a prominent issue during the session, and many bills circulated through the chambers that would have a significant bearing on the practice of medicine. The Arizona Medical Association's (ArMA) advocacy team worked diligently to educate legislators and protect the practice of medicine from harmful legislation. From legislation aiming to restrict health care institutions from requiring pivotal treatments to measures restricting the availability of reproductive health care, there was no shortage of bills that threatened the integrity of the House of Medicine. In many instances, ArMA successfully fought against these damaging bills and, all the while, advocated for pieces of beneficial health care legis-

lation that will significantly alter the landscape of medicine for the better.

After hearing and passing 388 bills, the House and Senate turned their attention to crafting the state's budget. Negotiations proved to be complex and difficult; with a rapidly approaching election and newly drawn legislative districts, lawmakers were eager to prove their worth to their voters. However, after prolonged debates and a grueling 166 days of the session, the House and Senate passed a bipartisan budget that put the state's \$5.3 billion dollar surplus to work by funding education, water, transportation infrastructure, and more. On June 25, 2022, at 12:26 a.m., the legislature adjourned *sine die*.

ArMA's advocacy team, in tandem with the Legislative and Governmental Affairs (L&G) Committee, achieved many remarkable victories during this year's legislative session. While no legislative session is perfect, this report will demonstrate that **every possible effort was made to strengthen Arizona's House of Medicine**. ArMA's commitment to empowering physicians, moving medicine, and shaping care has once again made Arizona a better place to live and practice medicine. As the next legislative session approaches, ArMA continues to be the leading voice for physicians and their patients at the Arizona State Capitol.

ArMA’s Legislative and Government Affairs Committee uses seven bill rating terms to track legislation:

Active Support	Approval of the bill; maximum effort will be made to achieve enactment
Active Non-Support	Disapproval of the bill; maximum effort will be made to achieve defeat
General Support	Approval of the principal of the bill; effort will be made to achieve enactment
General Non-Support	Disapproval of the bill; effort will be made to achieve defeat
Neutral	Neither approval nor disapproval of the bill; utilized as a public record of neutrality
Active Study	The bill contains both supportable and opposable elements; will be tracked

ACTIVE SUPPORT

ArMA takes an “active support” position on legislation that is critical for ArMA’s physicians and their patients. Generally, this status triggers the ArMA advocacy team to give maximum effort to ensure the passage of these bills. Efforts include actively lobbying legislators to pass the bill, testifying in committee, and more. Here are the bills that ArMA actively supported during the 2022 legislative session:

HB2429
(health professional wellness programs; confidentiality)

HB2429, sponsored by Representative Amish Shah, was **signed into law on May 9**. ArMA brought forth this signature legislation to address the burnout and

mental health challenges that many health care professionals have borne for far too long. This legislation supports the well-being of Arizona’s physicians and nurses by encouraging the timely seeking of confidential mental health care. Specifically, any statewide 501(c)(3) or 501 (c)(6) organization which represents MDs, DOs, or nurses can establish a health professional wellness program under the new law. The record of participation of a physician or nurse in such programs is not discoverable in litigation, providing a safe space for Arizona’s health care workers to seek the help they need.

HB2083
(AHCCCS services; diabetes management)

HB2083, sponsored by Representative Joanne Osborne, was **included in the FY2023 budget and signed into law on June 28**. The Arizona Health Care

Cost Containment System (AHCCCS) will now cover up to 10 hours annually of diabetes outpatient self-management training services as a covered service. Those who are newly diagnosed, have had a change in diagnosis/treatment regimen, or are not meeting clinical outcomes may access these services. This bill was a priority for ArMA because management training and education have been clinically proven to result in better outcomes and reduced costs for diabetes patients.

HB2144

(health insurance coverage; biomarker testing)

HB2144, sponsored by Representative Regina Cobb, was **signed into law on May 5**. This legislation ensures that Arizonans covered by Medicaid and state-regulated insurance plans will have coverage for biomarker testing when medically appropriate. This testing will ensure that all Arizonans have access to precision medicine and targeted therapies that can lead to improved survivorship and better quality of life. Timely access to guideline-indicated comprehensive biomarker testing will enable more patients to access the most effective treatments for their disease and can potentially help achieve the triple aim of health care: better health outcomes, improved quality of life, and reduced costs.

HB2431

(emergency medical services; patient transport)

HB2431, sponsored by Representative Shah and **signed into law on June 6**, requires emergency medical technicians (EMTs) to comply with standards and protocols for transportation by the regional council or the medical direction for the local jurisdiction. Additionally, this bill will prohibit EMTs from providing a patient with a presumptive medical diagnosis and counseling them to decline emergency transportation. This legislation is the direly needed response to a dangerous and widespread problem that has occurred across Arizona and has resulted in preventable fatalities. Representative Shah's legislation demands appropriate patient care standards and accountability for all members of the health care team.

HB2434

(surgical smoke evacuation; requirements)

HB2434, sponsored by Representative Shah, was **signed into law on March 24**. This legislation mandates the use of an instrument that will allow for the proper evacuation of surgical smoke beginning July 1, 2024. Surgical smoke is a serious hazard in the health care profession and has significant impacts for physicians and other health care providers as well as patients undergoing medical procedures. Though many facilities already utilize smoke evacu-

ation systems, all Arizonans deserve the same standard of protection from potentially toxic fumes.

ACTIVE NON-SUPPORT

ArMA takes an "active non-support" position on legislation that is deemed harmful to physicians and patients. Active non-support requires ArMA to give maximum effort to defeat bills with this status, including openly voicing opposition in committee hearings and to legislators in meetings. Here are the 2022 bills ArMA actively opposed:

HB2043

(employer liability; COVID-19 vaccine requirement)

HB2043, sponsored by Representative Quang Nguyen, would have made employers liable for damages if the employer requires the COVID-19 vaccination, denies a person's request for a religious exemption, and the person sustains significant injuries from receiving the vaccine. Furthermore, if a claimant prevails in this scenario, the claimant would have been required to be rewarded either statutory damages of \$500,000 or actual damages, court costs, and reasonable fees, whichever is greater. HB2043 was retained in Committee of the Whole of the House.

HB2811

(unlawful abortion medication; offense)

HB2811, sponsored by Representative Jacqueline Parker, would have made manufacturing, distribution, prescribing, selling, or transferring an abortion medication intended to cause an abortion a class 3 felony. The bill failed on the House floor with a vote of 28-31.



SB1021

(health care liens; limitation)

SB1021, sponsored by Senator Michelle Ugenti-Rita, prescribes various restrictions to health care liens and assignments, including the exemption of one-third of any third-party judgment, settlement, or award from any authorized lien or assignment. Although the passage of SB1021 was not successfully blocked, ArMA's advocacy team was able to successfully mitigate the negative impacts on physicians. This legislation was signed into law on July 6.

SB1164

(abortion; gestational age; limit)

SB1164, sponsored by Senator Nancy Barto, prohibits a physician from performing an abortion when the gestational age exceeds 15 weeks, except in a medical emergency. This bill was signed into law on March 30.

SB1331

(international medical graduates; licensure; accreditation)

SB1331, sponsored by Senator Barto, would have required the Arizona Medical Board (AMB) to grant licensure for international medical graduates (IMGs) without the standard additional training or residency requirements unless AMB could provide adequate evidence that the training of the international applicant does not meet the state's medical safety, competence, or conduct standards. The bill passed out of the Senate Health and Human Services Committee but never received a vote from the entire Senate body.

ArMA's opposition is predicated on maintaining high standards of care for patients and providers who deliver care to those patients. Although this bill attempts to address physician shortages, it disregards the existing standards establishing high-quality care. This legislation would have bypassed the Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates

(ECFMG) and relevant parts of the United States Medical Licensing Examination (USLME), which are utilized to ensure competency and appropriate expertise established through appropriate medical education. ArMA recognizes the crucial need for physicians to increase access to care for patients in Arizona. However, appropriate education and standards of care should not be bypassed.

SB1393

(refusing treatment; right; requirement)

SB1393, sponsored by Senator Barto, would have prohibited health care institutions from requiring any treatment and withholding services from any individual that refuses a treatment. The intent of the legislation was to prohibit health care institutions from requiring the COVID-19 vaccine to receive certain services such as an organ transplant, but the impacts were as broad as they were concerning. The bill passed out of the Senate, but it never received an initial hearing in the House.

GENERAL SUPPORT

ArMA takes a position of "general support" on legislation that, while featuring language and intent that the organization supports, is not allocated lobbying resources due to other organizational priorities. The bills ArMA took a position of general support on were:

- **HB2082**

(marijuana; sampling; advertising; sale)

- » Sponsored by Representative Osborne
- » This measure would have outlined advertising requirements for marijuana establishments and nonprofit medical marijuana dispensaries.
- » HB2082 died in the House waiting to be heard in Committee of the Whole.

- **HB2125**

(electronic smoking devices; retail licensing)

- » Sponsored by Representative Michelle Udall
- » This legislation would have prescribed age requirements, restrictions, penalties, and licensing requirements for the purchase and sale of tobacco products.
- » HB2125 died in the House waiting for reconsideration on a third read vote.

- **HB2229**

(prisoners; medical records; family access)

- » Sponsored by Representative Shah
- » This bill would have allowed prisoners to request that the Arizona Department of Corrections, Rehabilitation, and Reentry (ADCRR) release their medical records to members of their immediate family.
- » HB2229 died in the Senate waiting to be heard in the Senate Health and Human Services Committee.

- **HB2230**

(prenatal care; grant program; appropriation)

- » Sponsored by Representative Shah
- » This measure would have required Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS) to administer a three-year prenatal care grant program to provide prenatal health care services to pregnant women in a group setting.
- » HB2230 died in the House waiting to be heard in the House Health and Human Services Committee.

- **SB1167**

(health information organizations; confidentiality; data)

- » Sponsored by Senator T.J. Shope
- » This bill would have allowed the state's health information exchange organization to use the information received for the purposes of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPPA).
- » SB1167 died in the House waiting to be heard in the House Appropriations Committee.

GENERAL NON-SUPPORT

ArMA takes a “general non-support” position on legislation for bills that are not allocated staffing resources. However, these bills generally have intent or language that ArMA does not agree with. The bills ArMA took a position of general non-support on were:

- **HB2086**

(DHS; school immunizations; exclusions)

- » Sponsored by Representative Osborne
- » This bill exempts the COVID-19 vaccine from being required for school attendance.
- » HB2086 was signed into law on May 20.

- **HB2107**

(emergency powers; business closure; repeal)

- » Sponsored by Representative Leo Biasiucci
- » This measure prohibits mayors of incorporated cities or towns and Board of Supervisor chairs for unincorporated areas of the county from ordering the closure of a business during a declared emergency.
- » HB2107 was signed into law on March 30.

- **HB2198**

(employee termination; COVID-19 vaccine; compensation)

- » Sponsored by Representative Steve Kaiser
- » If passed, this legislation would have required employees who were terminated for not receiving the COVID-19 vaccine as a condition of employment to receive a severance compensation.
- » HB2198 died in the House waiting for a third read vote.

- **HB2356**

(employers; businesses; COVID-19 vaccine record)

- » Sponsored by Representative Leo Biasiucci
- » This bill would have enforced public and private employers to accept a COVID-19 vaccine record or antibody test if the employer required employees to receive the COVID-19 vaccine as a condition of employment.
- » HB2356 died in the House waiting to be heard in the Commerce Committee.

- **HB2453**

(governmental entities; mask requirement; prohibition)

- » Sponsored by Representative Neal Carter
- » This bill prohibits government entities from imposing requirements to wear a face mask or covering anywhere on the premises, with exceptions.
- » HB2453 was signed into law on May 20.

- **SB1052**

(medical procedures; prohibitions)

- » Sponsored by Senator Kelly Townsend
- » This measure would have prohibited specified individuals and entities from requiring any Arizona resident to submit to a medical procedure, including vaccines, if a potential complication from or adverse reaction to the medical procedure may cause death.

- » SB1052 died in the Senate after being held in the Senate Health and Human Services Committee.

- **SB1053**

(religious exemption; vaccine; violation; classification)

- » Sponsored by Senator Townsend
- » This legislation would have classified, as a class 2 misdemeanor, the offense in which a person knowingly violates statute requiring an employer to provide reasonable accommodations to an employee who sincerely holds religious beliefs that prevent the employee from receiving the COVID-19 vaccine.
- » SB1053 died in the House waiting to be assigned to a House committee.

- **SB1367**

(physician assistants; practice; oversight)

- » Sponsored by Senator Barto
- » This legislation would have authorized qualified physician assistants to practice under a collaborative practice agreement with an employer who employs a physician.
- » SB1367 died in the House waiting for a third read vote.

- **SB1567**

(employers; vaccinations; religious exemption)

- » Sponsored by Senator Barto
- » This bill would have prohibited employers from discriminating against an employee based on the employee's vaccination status and from inquiring into the veracity of an employee's religious belief.
- » SB1567 died in the House waiting to be heard in the House Rules Committee.



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NEUTRAL

ArMA takes a “neutral” position on legislation that we do not wish to take a position. There were two bills ArMA took a neutral position on this session:

- **SB1074**
(dentists; scope of practice)
 - » Sponsored by Senator Barto
 - » This bill allows dentists to administer Botox and dermal fillers to the oral maxillofacial complex for therapeutic or cosmetic purposes.
 - » SB1074 was signed into law on March 18.
- **SB1162**
(oral prescriptions; intractable pain; exceptions)
 - » Sponsored by Senator Barto
 - » This measure expands the list of exemptions from the 90-morphine milligram equivalent limit on opioid prescriptions to include patients experiencing chronic intractable pain or receiving opioid treatment for perioperative care following an inpatient surgical procedure.
 - » SB1162 was signed into law on April 13.

ACTIVE STUDY

ArMA takes an “active study” position on legislation that contains supportable and opposable elements. While ArMA’s L&G Committee does not take an official position on these bills, the ArMA advocacy team follows these bills closely throughout the process. Bills have the potential to be amended throughout the session and adopted amendments could change the committee’s position. Here are the bills introduced in 2022 that the ArMA advocacy team actively studied:

- **HB2098**
(psychiatric assessment; nurse practitioners; reporting)
 - » Sponsored by Representative Cobb
 - » This measure allows for psychiatric and mental health nurse practitioners to conduct inpatient and outpatient psychiatric assessments for minors.
 - » HB2098 was signed into law on April 13.
- **HB2490**
(pharmacists; providers; collaborative practice agreements)
 - » Sponsored by Representative Justin Wilmeth
 - » This bill authorizes pharmacists to enter into a collaborative practice agreement with a provider to initiate, monitor, and modify drug therapy or provide disease management assistance.
 - » HB2490 was signed into law on March 30.

- **HB2659**

(organ transplants; disabilities; discrimination; prohibition)

- » Sponsored by Representative Kaiser
- » This legislation will prohibit health care providers from determining that an individual is ineligible to receive an organ transplant, refusing to place the individual on an organ transplant waiting list, or denying an individual medical services relating to organ transplant based on their disability.
- » HB2659 was signed into law on March 25.

- **SB1366**

(AHCCCS; naturopathic physicians; contractors)

- » Sponsored by Senator Barto
- » This bill would have expanded the definition of physicians that provided covered services for AHCCCS members to include naturopathic physicians.
- » SB1366 died in the House waiting to be heard in the House Rules Committee.

- **SB1374**

(immunizations; pharmacists)

- » Sponsored by Senator T.J. Shope
- » This measure authorizes pharmacists to order and administer immunizations or vaccines recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices for children at least six years old.
- » SB1374 was signed into law on July 6.

- **SB1467**

(AHCCCS; drug treatment; testing; reporting)

- » Sponsored by Senator Barto
- » This bill would have created a program to incentivize providers to increase successful recover by monitoring and supporting members.
- » SB1467 died in the House waiting to be heard in the House Rules Committee.

- **SB1469**

(controlled substances monitoring; search warrants)

- » Sponsored by Senator Barto
- » This legislation will allow the Arizona State Board of Pharmacy (ASBP) to release data from the Controlled Prescription Monitoring Program (CPMP) to law enforcement and criminal justice agencies only if the agencies provide a valid search warrant.
- » SB1469 was signed into law on June 8.

- **SB1637**

(health professionals; business entities; interference)

- » Sponsored by Senator Tyler Pace
- » This measure authorizes health professionals to engage in the practice for which the health care professional is licensed in any form of business entity or as an employee of any form of business entity in Arizona.
- » SB1637 was signed into law on May 2.

FISCAL YEAR 2023 BUDGET

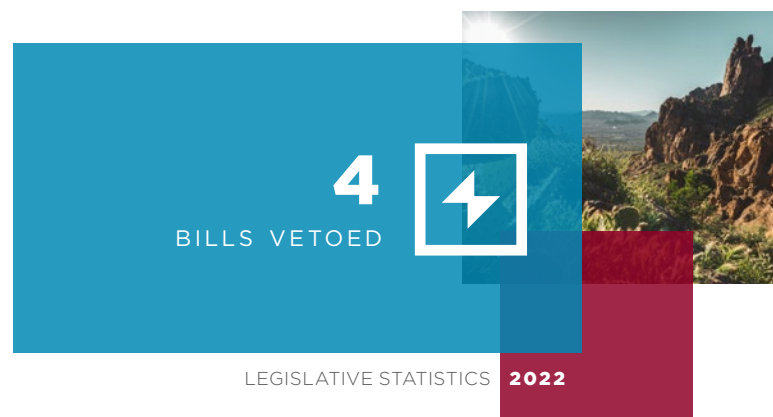
This year, the House and Senate approved a budget package totaling \$18 billion that was promptly signed by Governor Doug Ducey on June 28, 2022. Strong bipartisan support for extensive funding increases came from 20 senators and 49 representatives. The budget package increases K-12 funding, establishes new transportation projects focused on rural communities, invests in Arizona's water infrastructure, and more. A summary of health-related items funded is listed below:

- \$10 million to increase the fee schedule rate for AHCCCS's global obstetrics package by 88% by drawing down a federal match
- Expanding AHCCCS coverage for women postpartum from 60 days to one year
- AHCCCS coverage for diabetes self-management training
- 2.5% rate increase for behavioral health providers
- Establishing the Behavioral Health Care Provider Loan Repayment Program within ADHS to pay off portions of educational loans taken out by behavioral health care providers
- Expanding Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) enrollees to be eligible for 12 months rather than 6 months
- Providing funds to Arizona's health care workforce, including \$15 million to the Arizona Nurse Education Investment Program, \$27 million to the Nursing Clinical Rotation and Licensed Nurse Training Program, and \$500,000 for Preceptor Grant Programs for Graduate Students

OTHER LEGISLATIVE EFFORTS

Healthcare Workforce Day at the Capitol

On Wednesday, February 16, ArMA partnered with the nurses, hospitals, and health plans to host a very well-attended outdoor luncheon for legislators and legislative staff. The goal of the Healthcare Work-



force Day at the Capitol was to bring attention to the dire health care personnel shortages our state is facing. Arizona currently ranks 42nd in the country for active primary care physicians, and it is estimated that just 44% of our state's physician needs are appropriately met. The health care community was able to come together and successfully push forward a landmark investment in the state's workforce totaling \$42 million per year for the next three years.

MedPAC Report – March 2022

ArMA sent a letter to Arizona's entire federal delegation relaying serious concerns with the Medicare Payment Advisory Commission's (MedPac) March 2022 report. Briefly, the problematic report recommended that Congress allow the freeze in physician fee payments to continue in 2023. This recommendation was flawed in that it failed to account for inflation, increasing practice costs, staffing shortages, and the impact of patients delaying treatment due to the COVID-19 pandemic. ArMA's letter to Senator Sinema can be viewed [here](#).

ADVOCACY LEADERS AND PARTNERS

Work completed at the legislature is never completed alone. ArMA is pleased to recognize the leadership and critical support of its Legislative and Governmental Affairs Committee and the many ArMA members who stood up for good health policy.

Legislative and Governmental Affairs Committee

ArMA's L&G Committee consists of approximately 35 members who are appointed by the organization's president. The committee meets regularly to review issues that are under consideration by state or federal agencies, licensing boards, the state leg-

islature, or Congress. The committee examines issues of concern to physicians, health care organizations, and patients, and it is responsible for establishing the positions that ArMA takes in negotiating or advocating on those issues. It is common for the L&G Committee to review between 250 and 350 pieces of legislation each year, in addition to reviewing other rules and regulations affecting the field of medicine.

William Thompson IV, MD, chaired the 2021-2022 L&G Committee. ArMA is incredibly thankful for the dedication, responsiveness, and time Dr. Thompson gave in leading this important committee.

The members of the L&G Committee are:

Ilana Addis, MD

Gretchen Alexander, MD

Miriam Anand, MD

Arash Araghi, DO

David Baltazar, DO

Sarah Coles, MD

Jennifer Concepcion, Medical Student

Ricardo Correa, MD

Arthur DeLuigi, DO

Ralph Drosten, MD

Claudine Egol, MD

Gary Figge, MD

Jordan Fisher, MD

Katherine Glaser, MD

Ross Goldberg, MD

Timothy Graham, MD

Daniel Gridley, MD
Jennifer Hartmark-Hill, MD
David Horwitz, MD
Jason Jameson, MD
Nadeem Kazi, MD
Frederick Kogan, MD
Marc Leib, MD
Jane Lyons, MD
Pamela Murphy, MD
Cheryl O'Malley, MD
Rahul Pannala, MD
Shakaib Rehman, MD
Mehrdad Saririan, MD
Heidi Tavel, MD
Ruchi Trivedi, DO
Dennis Weiland, MD
Susan Whitely, MD

We extend our sincere gratitude to Dr. Thompson and all the members of the L&G Committee for their dedication to supporting Arizona's House of Medicine.

STATE AND FEDERAL PARTNERS

The American Medical Association

The American Medical Association (AMA), founded in 1847 and incorporated in 1897, is the largest association and lobby group of physicians — both MDs and DOs — and medical students in the United States. The AMA's stated mission is "to promote the art and science of medicine and the betterment of public health." From helping to defeat anti-science and anti-medicine legislation to supporting the ArMA advocacy team's efforts for physician wellness, the AMA was a valuable partner during the 2022 legislative session.

Doctor of the Day

ArMA's Doctor of the Day program is an exclusive opportunity for our members to show policymakers the value of quality healthcare from a physician's perspective. ArMA members participating in the program provide medical assistance as needed at the legislature, meet with legislators, and tour the Arizona State Capitol. The program began in 1975, and it continues to be a long-standing tradition in the state legislature.

After being run virtually in 2021 due to the COVID-19 pandemic, ArMA's Doctor of the Day program re-



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turned in person at the Arizona State Capitol for the 2022 legislative session. In total, 63 ArMA members participated in the program, representing 17 specialties and 20 legislative districts. Additionally, five medical students and two pre-med students shadowed ArMA's physicians at the capitol. Five doctor calls were made this session. ArMA's physicians continue to maintain a strong presence at the state capitol, and the Doctor of the Day program will be back in 2023.

ArMA Ambassadors

In 2021, ArMA launched a brand-new program to help ensure legislators were hearing the perspective of Arizona's physicians since in-person meetings were not possible. In 2022, the program returned with over 20 physician volunteers from ArMA's Board of Directors and L&G Committee. These ambassadors were paired with state legislators and assigned to engage with them throughout the session on crucial legislation and be expert resources on health care bills. Ambassadors connected with their assigned legislators through social media, phone calls, and targeted email outreach.

Arizona Healthcare Advocacy Coalition

In 2019, the Arizona Healthcare Advocacy Coalition (AHAC) was formed by ArMA and the Arizona Osteopathic Medical Association (AOMA). AHAC is

comprised of state medical associations and societies, which work together to strengthen physician involvement in the policymaking process. AHAC members meet monthly during the legislative session to review introduced legislation and share information with their respective members for potential engagement. Approximately 100 bills relating to medicine, patient care, and health insurance were tracked by the coalition this session. In addition to reviewing and tracking legislation, AHAC also sent letters to the legislature in support of key legislation.

Arizona Medical Political Action Committee

The Arizona Medical Political Action Committee (ArMPAC) is a non-partisan PAC that supports candidates for legislative office who understand the challenges physicians face today. ArMPAC is led by a board of directors and is an essential part of ArMA's advocacy efforts — its mission is to make sure Arizona continues to be a place where all doctors thrive. Help ArMPAC succeed by making a contribution. Visit www.armacpac.org and donate today to protect the House of Medicine tomorrow!

ArMA Advocacy Team

*Amanda Rusing, MPA,
Director, Government Relations*

Amanda is an accomplished government relations professional with 12 years of experience in Arizona politics. She is responsible for leading ArMA's advocacy team in representing the interests of its physician members. Utilizing members' input, she steers the organization's advocacy efforts at the local, state, and federal levels of the government.

*Eryn Streeter, MPA,
Deputy Director, Government Relations*

Eryn has over six years of experience working within the Arizona State Legislature. In her role at ArMA, she supports the association's advocacy team in representing the interest of its physician members at the Arizona State Capitol.

*Steve Barclay,
Barclay Legal, Lobbyist*

Steve Barclay is a lawyer-lobbyist with his own law firm, BARCLAY LEGAL, PLC. He has spent his entire four-decade legal career practicing in the Phoenix area and is a native Arizonan. Steve is particularly well known for his policy work in the health care arena, where he represents ArMA, AOMA, Mayo Clinic, and other interests.

*Miriam Anand, MD,
Immediate Past President, ArMA*

Miriam Anand, MD, is an immunologist practicing in Tempe. Dr. Anand served as president of ArMA during the 2022 legislative session. She was also president of the Maricopa County Medical Society (MCMS) from 2014 to 2015, and currently serves as immediate past president on ArMA's Board of Directors. She is a member of the AMA, American College of Physicians (ACP) and of the Joint Council of Allergy, Asthma, and Immunology.

The ArMA advocacy team extends many thanks to Dr. Anand for her support and leadership during the 2022 legislative session.

*Libby McDannell, CAE,
Chief Executive Officer*

In her role as chief executive officer, Libby oversees all association activities. She works in concert with the board of directors and devotes her time to executive management, advancing ArMA's advocacy agenda, exploration of partnerships, and new program development.



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