

## THE PRACTICE OF MEDICINE IS UNDER ATTACK...

### *Join Your Colleagues and Fight Back!*

Government bureaucrats dictate necessary treatments. Managed care plans want you pledge allegiance to them rather than to your patients. Government agencies issue confusing regulations that proliferate faster than the IRS.

Doctors are capriciously prosecuted for violating ever-changing regulations, resulting in financial and professional ruin. You and your staff spend more time on compliance than on patient care, while reimbursement rates plummet.

***Many doctors believe the best they can do now is go along to get along. But the Association of American Physicians and Surgeons refuses to accept that rhetoric from other organized medical groups. It's time for physicians to reclaim control of our profession***

### THE AAPS MISSION

Since 1943, AAPS has been the only national association of physicians in all specialties dedicated to preserving and protecting the sanctity of the patient-physician relationship and promoting the practice of private medicine. We're working to keep third-parties -- whether the government, insurance companies, or healthcare plans -- out of the examining room and medical records.

### WHY SHOULD I JOIN AAPS?

- AAPS is due-supported
- AAPS advises influential legislators (*2 members in Congress!*)
- The media listens to AAPS
- AAPS mobilizes public action
- AAPS defends doctors

### SOME OF AAPS POSITIONS & ACTIONS

- ✓ Fights increased government control of the practice of medicine
- ✓ Opposes increased government prosecution of physicians
- ✓ Supports unrestricted private contracting with Medicare patients
- ✓ Opposes national provider ID and central patient database
- ✓ Sued the government to stop enforcement of HIPAA regulations
- ✓ Helps many doctors win legal battles in court, administration hearings and peer review.

### MEMBER BENEFITS

- ◆ **Monthly newsletter** packed with the latest information on regulations, enforcement and court cases - including an update from a key Washington insider and "tip of the month." We review hundreds of sources so you don't have to.
- ◆ Free limited **Legal Consultation Service** with answers to your questions on a wide range of legal issues.
- ◆ Annual subscription to our nationally-acclaimed, peer-reviewed journal, **The Medical Sentinel**.
- ◆ **Regular alerts/** talking points about pending legislation/regulations so you can take timely, targeted action.
- ◆ **Annual meeting** with prominent experts and politicians in an intimate setting. *Possible CME credits!*
- ◆ Action alerts and educational materials ready for distribution to your patients, including "**The Patient's Handbook**"
- ◆ Free "**Patient Power**" video for your reception area
- ◆ 90% of your dues are **tax deductible**

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