



How Membership Works for You

NDMA is an invaluable asset to all physicians in the state. Through advocacy, representation, professional development, and presence, NDMA resoundingly demonstrates its worth.

NDMA is the only association that represents all North Dakota physicians.

Working Collaboratively to Keep Your Practice Strong.

During the 2019 Legislative Session, NDMA collaborated with physicians and medical practices with remarkable success:

- **Reauthorization of Medicaid Expansion** at existing rates: the Governor's recommendation proposed to reduce reimbursement rates which would have created a funding gap to providers of **\$220 million**.
- **Interstate Medical Licensure Compact:** expedites licensure for physicians. This creates an advantage for practices to bring physicians on board quickly. North Dakota now joins 28 other states for expedited licensure and renewal.
- **Prescribing Authority:** defeated Workforce Safety Insurance bill that would have placed prescriber day limits on opioids, benzodiazepines and muscle relaxants. These decisions are best left to the treating physician.
- **Prior Authorization on Medicaid Adult ADHD Medications:** testified against the bill, resulting in a compromised amendment for patients age 21 and over. Prior authorization is only required by prescribers for those at a rate two times higher than the rate of the top ten prescribers, minus the top prescriber.

NDMA is involved in nearly every North Dakota private and public health-related policy committee

NDMA's Executive Director and staff attend meetings and offer input to numerous state and national committees and agencies, including:

- Coalition for CRC Screening
- AMA Advocacy Resource Council
- AARP
- American Medical Association
- Behavioral Health Task Force
- Bridging the Dental Gap
- Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services (CMS)
- Health Care Advisory Council
- Honoring Choices North Dakota
- Health Care Quality Coalition
- Interstate Collaboration on Healthcare
- MSI: Healthy Vibrant Communities SHIP Steering Committee
- Medical Marijuana Advisory Taskforce
- ND Attorney General's Office
- ND Board of Medicine
- ND Dept. of Health
- ND Dept. of Human Services
- Reducing Pharmaceuticals in the Community Task Force
- State Trauma Board
- UND Medical School Advisory Board
- UND Center for Rural Health
- US Congressional Delegations from ND: Senators Hoeven and Cramer; Representative Armstrong

Society Management. NDMA serves as the backbone for many physician's specialty societies, by providing administrative services and membership management support. Without NDMA services, many specialty societies could not properly function.

NDMA Collaborates with UND School of Medicine & Health Sciences to Keep ND's Workforce Strong.

- UND School of Medicine and Health Sciences Budget: needs-based budget was fully funded, including the residency expansion funding; the residency expansion funding was shifted from one-time funding to the needs-based budget making the program more secure to future funding.
- Building a Program to serve North Dakota: over the last decade UND SMHS has gone from below the national average of graduate retention for in-state practice to well above it. More college students from North Dakota are choosing UND for their education, then continue to practice in North Dakota. Serving the people of the state through health care workforce development remains top priority for UND SMHS and NDMA.

NDMA nominates physicians for committees

Statutory Appointments

- ND Medicaid Drug Utilization Review Board (4 physicians)
- ND Board of Athletic Trainers
- ND Health Information Technology Advisory Committee
- ND State Board of Respiratory Care
- ND Workforce Safety and Insurance
- UND SMHS Advisory Council
- Prescription Drug Monitoring Program Advisory Council

NDMA Works Beyond the Legislative Session on Important Issues that Impact Physician Practices.

NDMA takes action on regulatory issues:

- On April 22, the ND Supreme Court issued an opinion finding that North Dakota's noneconomic damages cap ***DID NOT*** violate the equal-protection provisions of N.D. Const. art. I, § 21. ***The non-economic damage cap remains at \$500,000***; NDMA, along with the AMA Litigation Center, the ND Hospital Association and the American Hospital Association collaborated to defend medical practices by maintaining the \$500,000 medical liability limit.
- NDMA serves on a special taskforce responsible to develop processes for 100% Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) for dual eligible Medicaid/Indian Health Services individuals.
- NDMA advocates on a federal level on issues affecting physician payment, including Health Care Reform, elimination of the SGR, and the Frontier Amendment.
- NDMA is leading an initiative to streamline procedures for North Dakota's hospital pathology testing requirements. The current process, defined by the ND Dept. of Health Administrative Code, is burdensome by requiring unnecessary testing resulting in additional costs for North Dakota patients.

