



MEDICAL SOCIETY OF THE
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

MSDC Advocacy Report Card

23rd Council Session (2019-2020)

The past two years have seen more physicians testifying and MSDC active on more issues than ever before. The result has been a large input on health policy and bills passed that will help make the District “the best place to practice medicine”.

To learn more or to become involved in our advocacy efforts, contact Robert Hay Jr. at 202-466-1800 or hay@msdc.org

Sample of MSDC Legislative Wins in 23rd Council

Access to Quality Care

- Created a government run electronic advanced registry
- Testified on value of all practice types in Ward 7 and 8
- Continued funding for loan repayment for physicians in underserved areas

Promoting Public Health

- Permitted sunscreen in schools without a prescription
- Expanded insurance coverage for newborns, parents, and pregnant women
- Promoted the value of protecting physician wellbeing

The Practice of Medicine

- Prohibited retribution against physicians for practicing reproductive health medicine
- Expanded reimbursement to include audio-only telemedicine
- Defeated three different content-specific CME bills

Prescription and Opioid Policy

- Expanded access to biosimilars
- Required opioid prescriptions to list consequences of abuse
- Limited out-of-pocket cost of insulin for patients