Medical Association of Georgia

Georgia Charitable Care Network

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Medical Association of Georgia

- Founded in 1849
- Leading voice for medical profession in Georgia
- Over 7,000 members
- MAG creates value for every physician in Georgia because MAG represents every physician in Georgia
- Leader in state legal and legislative arenas
- Members include solo physicians, small group physicians, multispecialty physicians, health system physicians, as well as academic institutions
Physician Shortage

- By 2030 – estimated 5,000 physicians short in Georgia
- By 2020 – estimated 1,500 physicians short in Georgia
- Georgia ranks 41st in supply of physicians
- 40 counties without obstetrics
Physician Environment

- ACA forcing a consolidation of the market
- Administrative hassles with public/private payer increased over last decade
- 15% drop in physician participation in Medicaid
- GA Supreme Court nipping away at 2005 tort reform
- GA lacks residency slots for GA graduating medical students
- Constant attempts to expand scope of practice
- Constant changes in payment from SGR and ACA
AMA GME e-Letter Survey (Pre ACA)

- 1976 survey
  - 95% said jobs interesting
  - 4% expressed disappointment

- 2006 survey
  - >50 yrs old – 83% satisfied
  - < 50 yrs old – 75% satisfied
Physicians Foundation
(Post ACA)

- 89% believe the traditional model of independent practice is either on shaky ground or “is a dinosaur soon to go extinct” (2010)
- 74% of physicians said they would take steps to change their current practice style in the next one to three years (2010)
- 40% said they would drop out of patient care in the next one to three years (2010)
- Physicians are not uniform in their opinions – younger physicians, female physicians, employed physicians and primary care physicians are generally more positive about their profession than older physicians, male physicians, practice owners and specialists (2012)
  - Two most satisfying aspects of medical practice – Patient Relationships (80.2%) and intellectual stimulation (69.7%)
  - Morale - <40 – 53.9% positive/somewhat positive and >40 – 39.4% negative/somewhat negative
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