Impact of Public Health Policy and the Role of Advocacy and Service

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This seminar will address health politics and policy and their effect on physicians and patients, including the following topics: how public policy decisions impacting reimbursement rates, scope of practice, clinical ethics, research priorities, etc. are made; licensure; state and national approaches to health care reform; and methods for effective public health advocacy and service by physicians.

Objectives:
The student will:
Knowledge:
1. Understand how government policies and regulations affect physicians, their practice, and patients.

Attitude:
2. Enhance the attitude that health care advocacy and service are expectations of all physicians.

Skills:
3. Develop skills in advocacy for change in health care policy and regulations at the local, state, and national levels.