

House of Delegates Report
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Incoming President

It is my honor to stand before you all today as your incoming NJAFP president. I have served on the board of the NJAFP since 2010. During the last 12 years I have had the privilege of working alongside the physicians, board members, and staff of this great organization.

In a state where primary care physicians are outnumbered by specialist colleagues, we have been a steady driving force in healthcare policy, reform, and innovation. New Jersey was one of the four states to participate in the original CPC initiative and continued the CPC Plus initiative as one of the 18 regions. The NJAFP is now considered a medium-sized chapter in the AAFP, and this year has won chapter and advocacy awards.

We will stay diligent in our task of representing each and every one of the Family Physicians in New Jersey. The Board has heard your requests for easing of administrative burden, telehealth pay parity and maintenance of telehealth services, reimbursement, scope of practice, recruitment and retention, as well as increasing primary care spending. I can relate to each of you in your practice as I am a co-owner of a small to medium-sized private practice. I also work in academics, at the Graduate Medical Education level, as the Program Director of the Hackensack Meridian Health Ocean University Medical Center Family Medicine Residency, as well as the Undergraduate Medical Education level as the Vice Chair of Family Medicine at Hackensack Meridian School of Medicine.

I will work with the amazing staff, board members, and NJAFP members to continue to advocate for increasing primary care spend in New Jersey, loan repayment for recruiting new physicians to practice in New Jersey, and maintenance of scope of practice. We have a long way to go to fill the projected need of an additional 1,116 primary care physicians in New Jersey by 2030 (data from Robert Graham Center).

I am honored to call you all colleagues and I look forward to a great year.

Respectfully submitted,
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