



Advocacy Update: PAC - Man

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Advocacy Update – PAC- man?

- DEA bill!
- Upcoming issues
- NAEMSP PAC
 - What's a PAC
 - Why a PAC

Protecting Patient Access to Emergency Medications Act

- DEA issues brought to our attention in January of 2015
- First issue that NAEMSP Advocacy Committee and lobbying team
- Initially introduced in 2016 but failed
- Reintroduced in 2017 – passed and signed into law on Nov 17, 2017.
- HR304 - Public Law 115-83
 - Standing orders for controlled substances are legal
 - The DEA shall make rules regarding EMS and controlled substances
 - The agency shall obtain the license (not the Medical Director)
 - The DEA can only require each agency to have on license per state
 - The agency must have an EMS Medical Director

It's a team effort!

• Our main partners:

- ACEP
- NAEMT
- Wide support from the EMS and healthcare community
- Our fabulous Holland & Knight policy specialists
- YOU!

Our Holland & Knight team:



Lisa Tofil



Miranda Franco

DEA Bill – What's next?

- Standing orders for controlled substances are now legal!
- Rules promulgation.
 - Timeline unknown
 - NAEMSP and ACEP will be reaching out to DEA policy makers early 2018

NAEMSP Advocacy Goals 2018

- NAEMSP EMS Quality Legislation
 - Direct the Secretary to collect data and establish a valuation for the CPT code "Physician direction of emergency medical systems emergency care, advanced life support"
 - Establishment of a technical advisory panel on quality measurement of ems systems
 - Cardiac arrest survival improvement
- Pandemic and All Hazards Act Reauthorization
 - Created ASPR
 - Directs ASPR to create National Health Security Strategy
 - Reauthorization opportunity to ensure EMS is well represented in preparedness



NAEMSP PAC!

- What's a PAC?
- Why a PAC?
- How can I help?

NAEMSP PAC

- NAEMSP PAC is a "Separate Segregated Fund"
- Money donated to NAEMSP PAC is kept in a separate account.
- NAEMSP can only solicit funds from members.
- The connected organization (NAEMSP) may fund the cost of operating or raising money for the SSF.
- An SSF may make contributions to and expenditures on behalf of federal candidates and other committees.

PAC vs lobbying

- Lobbying
 - Interfacing with public officials in order to educate about specific issues
 - Trade organizations like NAEMSP allowed to lobby but not donate money directly to a candidate
 - Organization dues are business expense – but lobbying portion is not deductible
- Political action committee
 - Direct expenditure of funds to candidates OR issues
 - Can be a tool to educate about overall profession
 - Need a separate fund
 - Donations are not deductible and subject to limits

CUMULATIVE CONTRIBUTION LIMITS FOR 2018-2019 FOR REAL ESTATE BROKERS

DONORS	RECIPIENTS				
	Candidate Committee	PAC ¹ (not local associations)	State/State/Local Party Committee	National Party Committee	Additional National Party Committee Accounts ²
Individual	\$2,000* per election	\$5,000 per year	\$10,000 per year (combined)	\$5,000* per year	\$10,750* per account per year
Candidate Committee	\$2,000 per election	\$5,000 per year	Unlimited Transfers	Unlimited Transfers	
PAC - Noncandidate	\$5,000 per election	\$5,000 per year	\$5,000 per year (combined)	\$5,000 per year	\$45,000 per account per year
PAC - Noncandidate	\$2,500* per election	\$3,000 per year	\$10,000 per year (combined)	\$35,000* per year	\$10,750* per account per year
State, District & Local Party Committee	\$5,000 per election (combined)	\$5,000 per year (combined)	Unlimited Transfers		
National Party Committee	\$5,000 per election	\$5,000 per year			

Source: www.fec.gov

Why would we want to donate to candidates?

A key component of any robust advocacy effort is working with members of Congress to advance policy solutions. Therefore, it is beneficial for us to support Members of Congress who meet with us and take our perspective into consideration when making decisions that impact NAEMSP® members and patients. Showing appreciation for their time and interest also helps us to establish strong, long-term relationships with the legislators. The ethical, legal, and transparent method for us to do so is via a Political Action Committee (PAC). Thus, we are pleased to announce the next phase of our advocacy efforts, the formation of NAEMSP PAC.

Brent Myers and Ritu Sahni

Physician Specialty PACs

PHYSICIAN SPECIALTY PAC RANKINGS	TOTAL
AMERICAN SOCIETY OF ANESTHESIOLOGISTS PAC	\$3,991,211
AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF ORTHOPAEDIC SURGEONS PAC	\$3,537,000
AMERICAN COLLEGE OF RADIOLOGY PAC	\$2,771,947
AMERICAN COLLEGE OF EMERGENCY PHYSICIANS PAC	\$2,096,014
AMERICAN ACADEMY OF DERMATOLOGY ASSOCIATION PAC	\$1,592,839
AMERICAN ACADEMY OF OPHTHALMOLOGY PAC	\$1,445,856
AMERICAN COLLEGE OF SURGEONS PAC	\$1,246,808
THE AMERICAN COLLEGE OF OB-GYNs PAC	\$1,200,000
AMERICAN ACADEMY OF FAMILY PHYSICIANS PAC	\$975,145
AMERICAN OSTEOPATHIC ASSOCIATION PAC	\$812,375

Source: NEMPAC/ACEP

How can you help?

- Contribute to NAEMSP PAC!
 - www.NAEMSPAC.com
- Advocacy Committee on Friday at noon
- NAEMSP Government Relations Academy
 - April 10, 2018
 - Day before EMS on the Hill
 - Benefit of membership
