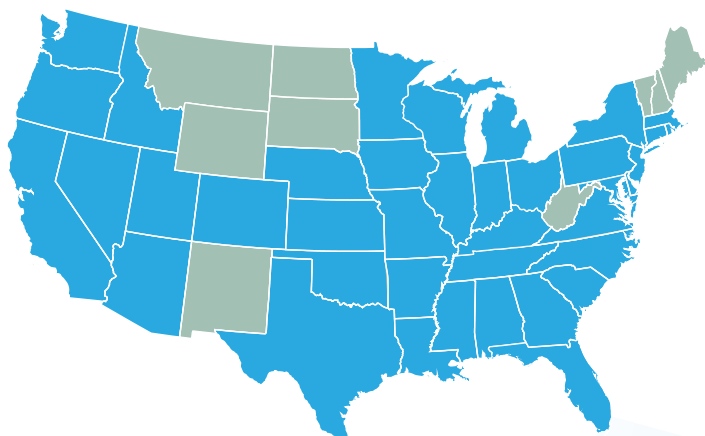


Digestive Health Physicians Association: Independent GI Practices, Improving Patient Lives



DHPA® is the only state or national advocacy organization focused exclusively on the challenges and opportunities facing independent GI physician practices and the patients we serve.

Since 2014, DHPA has been successfully advocating for policies that promote and protect the high quality, cost-efficient care that is provided to patients in the independent GI practice setting.

DHPA MEMBERS 2014

11 PRACTICES | **11** STATES | **406** PHYSICIANS

DHPA MEMBERS 2023

100+ PRACTICES | **39** STATES | **2600+** PHYSICIANS

**THE VOICE OF
INDEPENDENT GI ON
CAPITOL HILL** **MORE THAN
600 VISITS
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Led a coalition of physician organizations in supporting development of the Medicare Care Coordination Improvement Act of 2019 (S. 966, H.R. 2282) to enable independent physicians to participate more fully in value-based payment models incentivized by MACRA.

Since 2014, DHPA has been a leading voice in advocating for the "Removing Barriers to Colorectal Cancer Screening Act" which became law in 2020.

In 2021 and 2022, DHPA and its allies successfully opposed significant cuts in Medicare payments that would have taken effect on January 1 of 2022 and 2023, respectively. Through our advocacy, we were able to mitigate nearly 80% of the cuts faced by independent GI and other specialty practices.

Opposed the Most Favored Nation Interim Final Rule, which could dramatically restrict patient access to medications administered in physician offices to treat Crohn's disease and ulcerative colitis.

Joined 18 provider and patient advocacy groups to advocate that the Office of the Inspector General create a safe harbor for copay coupons for drugs with no lower-cost alternative.



STATE HEALTH POLICY ACTION FUND

More than \$250,000 in grant funding awarded to support member practice engagement on key state policy issues impacting independent GI practices.

CALIFORNIA, WASHINGTON, & NEW YORK

Opposed legislative efforts that would inhibit independent medical practices from pursuing transactions enabling them to remain a lower-cost competitive counterbalance to care furnished in the consolidated hospital setting.

MARYLAND & NEW JERSEY

Supported successful efforts to modernize those states' self-referral laws to enable independent GI practices to participate in alternative payment models.

2023 POLICY PRIORITIES

Support bipartisan legislation to stabilize physician payment in the Medicare program and advocate to reform MACRA to support the transition away from fee-for-service to value-based care.

Advance policies that encourage high quality, patient-centric care delivered in the more cost-efficient physician office and ambulatory surgery settings, such as ending site-of-service payment disparities, capping copayments for Part B drugs and ASC procedures at the HOPD cap, advocating for pharmacy PBM reform, the elimination of step therapy and prior authorization policies and the continuation of telehealth flexibilities.

Advocate for Medicare payment policies that do not favor stool-based screenings over colonoscopies in efforts to prevent, detect and treat colorectal cancer.

Support DHPA member practices on significant state health policy issues impacting patient access to high quality, cost-efficient and comprehensive care furnished in independent GI practices.





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DHPA MEMBER PRACTICES

Adult Gastroenterology Associates (OK)	Gastroenterology Consultants of San Antonio (TX)
Advanced Gastroenterology Group (NJ)	Gastroenterology Consultants, LTD (NV)
Allied Digestive Health (NJ)	Gastroenterology Health Partners (IN)
Anne Arundel Gastroenterology Associates (MD)	Gastroenterology of the Piedmont, PA (NC)
Arizona Digestive Health (AZ)	Gastroenterology of the Rockies (CO)
Arizona Gastrointestinal Associates, PLC (AZ)	Gastroenterology Specialties, PC (NE)
Associates in Gastroenterology, PC (CO)	GastroGroup AMC (LA)
Atlanta Gastroenterology Associates (GA)	Gastrointestinal Associates, LLC (KS)
Austin Gastroenterology (TX)	Gastrointestinal Specialists, Inc. (VA)
Borland-Groover Clinic (FL)	Genesis Healthcare Partners(CA)
Capital Digestive Care (MD)	GI Associates (WI)
Centers for Gastroenterology (CO)	GI Associates and Endoscopy Center PA (MS)
Charlotte Gastroenterology & Hepatology, Inc. (NC)	GI Associates of West Alabama (AL)
Cincinnati GI (OH)	GI Associates, LLC (WI)
Colorado Gastroenterology (CO)	GI Specialists of Georgia (GA)
Connecticut GI, PC (CT)	Great Lakes Gastroenterology (OH)
Dayton Gastroenterology (OH)	Greater Houston Gastroenterology (TX)
Delaware Center for Digestive Care (DE)	Hattiesburg GI Associates (MS)
Denver Digestive Health Specialists (CO)	Huron Gastroenterology (MI)
Digestive Care Consultants (CA)	Idaho Gastroenterology Associates, LLP (ID)
Digestive Care Physicians (GA)	Illinois Gastroenterology Group (IL)
Digestive Disease Associates (FL)	Illinois Gastroenterology Institute (IL)
Digestive Disease Consultants (IL)	Indianapolis Gastroenterology & Hepatology, Inc. (IN)
Digestive Disease Specialists, Inc. (OK)	Integrated Gastroenterology Consultants (MA)
Digestive Health Associates of Texas (TX)	Jackson Siegelbaum Gastroenterology (PA)
Digestive Health Center (LA)	Louisiana Gastroenterology Associates (LA)
Digestive Health Partners, PA (NC)	Metropolitan Gastroenterology Associates (LA)
Digestive Health Specialists of the Southeast (AL)	Michiana Gastroenterology (IN)
Digestive Health Specialists, LLC (MO)	Midwest Gastrointestinal Associates, PC (NE)
Digestive Health Specialists, PA (NC)	MNGI Digestive Health (MN)
Digestive Healthcare of Georgia (GA)	Northeast Digestive Health Center (NC)
Gastro Florida (FL)	Northwest Gastroenterology, PLLC (WA)
Gastro Health - Alabama (AL)	Ohio Gastroenterology Group (OH)
Gastro Health Boston (MA)	PACT Gastroenterology Center (CT)
Gastro Health Charlottesville (VA)	Peak Gastroenterology Associates (CO)
Gastro Health Chelmsford (MA)	Pinnacle GI Partners (MI)
Gastro Health Florida (FL)	Pittsburgh Gastroenterology Associates (PA)
Gastro Health Maryland (MD)	Premier Gastroenterology (NC)
Gastro Health Middlesex (MA)	Richmond Gastroenterology Associates, Inc. (VA)
Gastro Health Ohio (OH)	Rocky Mountain Gastroenterology (CO)
Gastro Health Virginia (VA)	South Denver Gastroenterology (CO)
Gastro Health Washington (WA)	Southeast Valley Gastroenterology Consultants (AZ)
Gastro One (TN)	Strand GI Associates (SC)
GastroArkansas (AR)	Texas Digestive Disease Consultants (TX)
Gastroenterology Associates (VA)	The Oregon Clinic, PC (OR)
Gastroenterology Associates a division of TDDC (LA)	Tri-State Gastroenterology Associates (KY)
Gastroenterology Associates of Colorado Springs (CO)	United Gastroenterologists (CA)
Gastroenterology Associates of Fairfield County, PC (CT)	University Gastroenterology (RI)
Gastroenterology Associates of Florida (FL)	US Digestive Health (PA)
Gastroenterology Associates of New Jersey (NJ)	Utah Gastroenterology (UT)
Gastroenterology Associates, LLC (WA)	Washington Gastroenterology (WA)
Gastroenterology Associates, PA (SC)	Wilmington Gastroenterology (NC)
Gastroenterology Consultants of Augusta (GA)	

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