



STATE HEALTH POLICY ACTION FUND APPLICATION

The mission of the Digestive Health Physicians Association is to promote and protect the high quality, cost-efficient and integrated care furnished in independent gastroenterology practices. In furtherance of that mission, DHPA created a State Health Policy Action Fund to support DHPA’s member practices that are engaged in legislative or regulatory issues on the state level that pose threats to—or create opportunities to enhance—independent GI practices’ ability to deliver accessible, quality care to our patients.

DHPA member practices that are in need of financial assistance in their state-level advocacy efforts are invited to submit an application requesting grant monies from the DHPA State Health Policy Action Fund. All grant applications will be reviewed and acted upon by DHPA’s State Health Policy Committee. We ask that any DHPA member practice that wishes to apply for a grant complete this form, attach any supporting documentation, and submit the application via email to DHPA’s Chair of Health Policy, Dr. Scott Ketover (scott.ketover@mngi.com) and DHPA’s Executive Director, Kevin Harlen (kevin.harlen@capitaldigestivecare.com). Dr. Ketover and Mr. Harlen are also happy to answer any questions about the grant application process.

Grant applications will be considered by DHPA’s State Health Policy Committee during the Committee’s next regularly scheduled conference call following receipt of an application.

DHPA Member Practice Requester	
Date:	
Name of DHPA Member Practice:	
Name of Person Completing Application:	
Contact Information (<i>phone, email, mailing address</i>):	

Overview	
Legislative or Regulatory Issue to be Addressed:	
Total Amount of Request:	
Total Budget:	
Has DHPA previously provided grant monies to fund work on this issue?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Date(s):
Can information and/or resources developed in connection with this project be shared with DHPA member practices in other states?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

- 1) Describe the public policy issue in your State and the severity of the issue. If applicable, attach the legislation/regulation that you are attempting to pass or challenge.
- 2) Explain the reason that DHPA should support this State issue. How does it affect the ability of your practice (and, potentially, other independent GI practices) to furnish high quality, cost-efficient and integrated care to patients? Does the issue affect gastroenterologists more directly than it affects other physicians?
- 3) Identify your goals in passing or challenging this legislation or regulation in your State. Please provide a timeline for achieving those goals.
- 4) Describe the steps that your group and others have taken (and the financial resources invested) to address this issue to date.
- 5) Assess the likelihood of passing or stopping the legislation/regulation during the next 12 months.
- 6) What products (e.g. published studies, letters to the editor, one-pagers, policy briefs) will be produced in connection with this project that you believe could be of relevance/help to DHPA member practices in other States that might address similar issues?
- 7) Identify other organizations involved in this issue (including your state medical society and/or state GI society) and their financial contributions to this specific effort (if any).

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Please note that any DHPA member practice receiving a grant from the DHPA State Health Policy Action Fund will be asked to submit a progress report on the State initiative six months after receiving the grant monies. You will receive an email with the report form and a timetable for returning it.