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## Welcome PAMED Staff

### TOP PHYSICIANS UNDER 40

#### Announcing PAMED's Top Physicians Under 40 for 2018

Check out our complete photo gallery of PAMED's 2018 Top Physicians Under 40, a group that includes 38 physicians from a wide variety of medical specialties. Congratulations to this year's winners! [View Photo Gallery >](#)



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### STATE BUDGET & HEALTH CARE

#### Pa.'s 2018-2019 Budget Is Set – State Avoids Tax on Ambulatory Surgery Centers

The state budget is ready ahead of the June 30 deadline. A proposed tax on Ambulatory Surgery Centers that PAMED and other state-based medical societies had opposed is not included in the final bill. Here's a look at health-related items in this year's budget. [Learn More >](#)



Federal Grants for Opioids Use Disorder Treatment in Rural Communities

The Health Resources and Services Administration is awarding grants to rural

## TELEMEDICINE

PAMED supports Senate Bill 780, legislation that seeks to establish safeguards for telemedicine in Pennsylvania and require that insurers reimburse providers for these services.

We'd like to share with the legislature specific instances where physicians provided telemedicine services and were not reimbursed by a health insurer. If you have any example(s) to share, please email David Thompson, PAMED's Director of Legislative Affairs, [here](#) by Monday, July 2.

## JOINT UNDERWRITING ASSOCIATION (JUA)

### [New Pa. Law Places JUA Under Department of Insurance Control](#)

The governor approved a bill with amendments that place the JUA under the control of the Pa. Dept. of Insurance. The JUA provides liability insurance for physicians in high-risk specialties. PAMED will share updates on the law – including its impact on the state's attempt to transfer \$200 million from the JUA to the state's General Fund – as they become available. [Learn More >](#)

## YEAR-ROUND LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

PAMED congratulates the physicians who graduated recently from our Year-Round Leadership Academy. Registration is open for the upcoming 2018-2019 session. And, scholarships are available for early-career, hospital-based, and office-based physicians. Scholarship deadline is July 31. [Learn More >](#)



## MAINTENANCE OF CERTIFICATION (MOC)

communities to help combat the nation's opioid epidemic. Eligible organizations include rural health clinics and primary care offices. Apply by July 30. [Learn More](#)



### Opioids Legislation in Pennsylvania

An op-ed published on *Philly.com* argues that two bills under consideration by Pa. lawmakers could hurt the state's efforts to address opioid abuse. One bill (SB 655) mandates opioid prescribing guidelines, and the other (SB 1054) adds more certification requirements for physicians who prescribe buprenorphine. PAMED opposes both bills. [Read the Op-Ed](#)



### H-1B Visa Delays

Find out how H-1B visa delays have affected international medical graduates and residency programs. A new resolution should prevent workforce disruption. [Learn More](#)



### Spring 2018 Practice Administrator Meeting Webcast

Did you miss the spring 2018 practice manager meeting? Members can view our webcast from the meeting [here](#).

**"Vision for the Future" Commission Shares Update on MOC Reform Initiative**

The American Board of Medical Specialties' Vision Commission shared its latest update on MOC reform efforts. Get news, plus learn how to send feedback to the Commission. [Learn More >](#)



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