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Association of Independent Doctors active in half of US states — 5 key points

Written by Megan Wood | August 31, 2016

Winter Park, Fla.-based Association for Independent Doctors just added its 26th member state.

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Here are five key points:

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1. AID welcomed Ohio as the 26th member state this week.
2. In August, AID also welcomed Michigan, Missouri, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Virginia and Utah to its ranks.
3. The nonprofit now includes 1,000 members, with chapters in Florida, California, Maine and South Carolina.
4. AID's mission involves protecting physician independence. The nonprofit emphasizes how market consolidation results in higher costs and lower quality of care.

5. AID representatives have visited Washington, D.C., four times, sharing their message with national healthcare associations.

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