JOIN THE CAUSE

All doctors — medical doctors, doctors of osteopathy, dentists and podiatrists, who do not want to be acquired by a hospital or private equity group, or who want to break free of employment — should join AID, as should any health advocate who believes in supporting independent doctors. Annual membership dues are as follows:

- Doctor $500
- Health-law attorney $500
- Retired doctor/Medical student $100
- Health-care advocate $100
- Corporate sponsorship $10,000

As AID’s membership grows, so does our voice. To become a member, call (407) 571-9316, or join online at www.aid-us.org/join. Memberships are tax deductible.

HELPING INDEPENDENT DOCTORS STAY THAT WAY

The only way independent physicians are ever going to change the nationwide landscape is to develop a unified voice that patients, hospitals, and state and federal government will listen to, take seriously and respect. This is exactly why we formed AID, to fight for physicians’ interests and their profession.

Tom Thomas, CPA
AID Co-Founder

I’ve joined a lot of professional associations over the years. Most do nothing for me. Some work against me. AID is the first association I’ve joined that actually works in my best interests.

Joel Bessmer, MD
Omaha, Nebraska

AID’s advocacy and efforts on behalf of patients and independent physicians is evident. My AID membership is and will continue to be my most important physician advocacy group membership. Keep up the good work!

Marion R. McMillan, MD
Seneca, South Carolina

Giving doctors a voice and patients a choice
All across America hospitals are buying up independent doctors and turning them into employees. This consolidation has many negative consequences. When hospitals acquire medical groups, costs skyrocket, access to care goes down, the doctor-patient relationship suffers, office workers lose jobs, employers’ health premiums rise, communities suffer financial harm, and doctors lose their autonomy.

Yet the trend continues. In 2009, half of America’s doctors worked for themselves. Today that number is one in three. The Association of Independent Doctors is working to reverse that.

By providing independent doctors a collective voice on the national stage, AID fights a fight that doctors don’t have the time, resources or clout to pursue. AID not only works to keep doctors independent, but also to educate consumers, media, insurance providers and lawmakers about why that matters.

ANSWERING A NEED

In 2013, two certified public accountants from Winter Park, Florida, were worried about the negative impact that the loss of the nation’s independent doctors was having on health-care costs and access. When they saw that no organization was effectively speaking out on this group’s behalf, they formed the Association of Independent Doctors, a national nonprofit trade association dedicated to supporting and preserving this endangered group.

HOW YOU BENEFIT

Your membership in AID supports our efforts to fight for the survival of independent doctors and also offers you many direct benefits:

- A 10% discount on medical malpractice insurance with one of the nation’s leading medical professional liability insurance companies.
- A 15% discount on PHYSICIAN CEO® certificate program presented by the Kellogg School of Management at Northwestern University.
- A listing in AID’s online directory of independent doctors.
- Significant savings through AID-Save, AID’s group purchasing program.
- Access to an ombudsman program to help with unwarranted denials of care, harassment by hospital administration, or failures of responsible government agencies to respond.
- Other member discounts available through AID’s corporate sponsors.
- Access to lawmakers who are influencing health-care policy.
- Curated news on issues impacting independent doctors, delivered through regular AID member updates.
- A network of like-minded colleagues.
- Patient education tools and resources.
- A chance to be part of the voice that’s educating consumers, media, businesses and lawmakers about why America needs independent doctors.

AID Member Map

More than 1,000 doctors from over a third of the United States have joined AID.

OUR MISSION

AID works to support America’s doctors and improve the nation’s health care by focusing on the following goals:

- **Stop the consolidation** of hospitals and medical practices. One way we do that is by working with the Federal Trade Commission to fight mergers.
- **Increase price transparency**, so consumers can know prices before they have procedures and can shop for the most affordable options.
- **Eliminate facility fees and move toward site neutral payments**, so doctors get paid the same amount for the same procedure regardless of where it’s performed. Currently, hospital-owned doctors and clinics get paid many times more than independent ones.
- **Reverse the tax-exempt status abuse** by nonprofit hospitals.
- **Enforce antitrust laws and inform lawmakers** about why independent doctors are critical to health-care quality, cost and the economy.