

# 2020 YEAR IN REVIEW

**2020 was unlike any other year in CMA's 164-year history.** As an association largely founded during a cholera outbreak, we quickly rose to the challenge and shifted all gears to help physician members, elected officials and policymakers navigate the COVID-19 crisis. This year's achievements include:



**Advised the state's development of executive orders and laws to ensure physicians could respond to the pandemic,** including on telehealth policy, regulatory waivers and public health officer safety.

**Distributed more than 60 million pieces of personal protective equipment (PPE)** to more than 8,000 physician practices statewide.



**Secured more than \$100 billion in financial assistance** to physician practices in Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act and **an additional \$75 billion** to the HHS Provider Relief Fund in the COVID-19 "Interim Economic Relief" bill.



**Created a new COVID-19 website** with daily updates, toolkits, webinars and other resources for physicians.

**Convened virtual grand rounds on COVID-19 topics,** including transmission, schools re-opening, testing and vaccines.



Protected Proposition 56 funding (tobacco tax revenues) in the state budget, including **\$57 million for physician loan repayment** and **\$38 million for graduate medical education programs.**



**Sponsored a new ban on flavored tobacco products** that will save lives, as well as limit Big Tobacco's ability to target children and communities of color.



Amended CMA's mission statement to **include health equity.**

Continued our court fight to **protect the Affordable Care Act.**



**Helped shape a federal surprise billing ban** that includes baseball-style arbitration to resolve disputes between physicians and payors.



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