



**ALLEGHENY COUNTY
MEDICAL SOCIETY**

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LIABILITY INSURANCE FOR VOLUNTEER PHYSICIANS

The Allegheny County Medical Society recognizes that many physicians provide medical expertise and care as volunteers in community-based clinics; and that there are other physicians who would volunteer in such clinics but are concerned about exposure to professional liability.

Pennsylvania insurance law requires that liability carriers provide coverage for physicians providing services as volunteers in approved clinic settings, and provide that coverage may not be denied or surcharged for such volunteerism, but many physicians may not be aware of this provision or carriers may not be fully aware of this requirement.

The Allegheny County Medical Society believes that the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania should extend liability protection for all uncompensated care, regardless of setting in Pennsylvania, at a level equal to the protections provided by the Good Samaritan law.

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The Allegheny County Medical Society has 2,500 physician members from all specialties and is dedicated to providing leadership and advocacy on healthcare issues for the community and physicians. The organization has been serving Allegheny County since 1865. For more information, please contact ACMS at 412-321-5030 or acms@acms.org.