

Dear ENT Advocacy Network Member:

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Legislative and political activity directly affects our practices and our patients. As a leading advocate for otolaryngology-head and neck surgery, we hope you enjoy reading this edition of The ENT Advocate, your premier source of advocacy information for the specialty!

AAO-HNS Celebrates House of Representatives Passage of Anti-Tobacco Legislation

Over the course of the past year, [the AAO-HNS collaborated with a number of physician and public health organizations to advance H.R. 2339](#)

We understand the importance of providing transparency and a greater understanding about how decisions are made with [the latest edition](#) summarizing ENT PAC activities in 2019.

Reminder: MIPS 2019 Data Submission Deadline is March 31, 2020

The data submission deadline for Merit-based Incentive Payment System (MIPS) eligible clinicians who participated in the 2019 performance period of the Quality Payment Program is a few weeks away. Data can be [submitted and updated](#) any time until 8:00 pm (EDT) on March 31. Data submitted will be reflected in the 2021 calendar year payment adjustment. Please note that this submission opportunity is only through the CMS QPP interface. For those clinicians reporting through the Reg-ent registry, please continue to work with the Client Account Support team to complete the data review and submission process via your Reg-ent MIPS 2019 dashboard. Questions about Reg-ent? Email Reg-ent@entnet.org.

The ASLP Interstate Compact Has Landed

The Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Interstate Compact (ASLP-IC) legislation has been introduced in eleven states to date. The Academy has been working with the AMA, state otolaryngology societies and state medical societies to amend the legislation. These amendments include eliminating potential SOP expansion, increasing transparency, allowing physicians to