

**ACOG's 2011 Federal
Action and Achievements
February 2012**

HEALTH CARE REFORM IMPLEMENTATION

- ✓ **Won Introduction of IPAB Repeal Bills, Won House Majority of Cosponsors**
 - H.R. 452, the Medicare Decisions Accountability Act of 2011, introduced by ACOG Fellow Rep. Roe, MD (R-TN), would repeal the Independent Payment Advisory Board created in Health Care Reform, an ACOG priority (January 2011).
 - H.R. 452 has 221 cosponsors, as of December 2011.
 - S. 668, the Healthcare Bureaucrats Elimination Act, introduced by Sen. Cornyn (R-TX), is the Senate companion bill (March 2011). 32 cosponsors.

- ✓ **Influenced the Regulatory Process on Health Care Reform Law**
 - Dr. Arnold Cohen provided written and oral guidance on behalf of ACOG to IOM in its effort to assist the Secretary in determining benefit design and define medical necessity for the Essential Benefits Package. (January 2011).
 - Dr. Hal Lawrence testified in front of the IOM to help determine no-co pay coverage of preventive services for women as outlined in the ACA (January 2011).
 - Many ACOG priorities were included in recommendations from the IOM Report "*Clinical Preventive Services for Women: Closing the Gaps*" calling for insurance plans to cover the full range of FDA-approved contraceptive methods, at least one well-woman preventive visit, screening and counseling for intimate partner violence, testing for HPV as part of cervical cancer screening; screening for gestational diabetes in pregnant women; annual counseling for STIs, and comprehensive lactation support and counseling and costs of renting breastfeeding equipment. (July 2011).
 - ACOG urged CMS to ensure adolescents and women in Medicaid receive the preventive, primary, and specialty health care they require, including ensuring adequate reimbursement for Medicaid providers (July 2011).
 - ACOG provided HHS guidance on the establishment of state health insurance exchanges (September 2011).
 - ACOG submitted comments to Secretary Sebelius on the Essential Benefits Package, outlining the services ob-gyns provide from ACOG clinical documents (October 2011).
 - HHS accepted ACOG's women's preventive services priorities, with the exception of proposing to allow a religious exemption for contraceptives (September 2011). ACOG was joined by twenty medical groups in support of our position. (November 2011).

- ACOG urged Treasury Secretary Geithner to fix a loophole that would deny a health insurance tax credit to certain married survivors of domestic violence (October 2011).

PHYSICIAN ISSUES

- ✓ **ACOG Urged Flexibility for EHR Meaningful Use Incentive Program**
 - Health Information Technology Policy Committee's (HITPC) proposal for Stage 2 of the Meaningful Use of Electronic Health Records (February 2011).
- ✓ **ACOG Opposed MedPAC Recommendations on Diagnostic Imaging**
 - Opposed to cuts to ultrasound and to the professional component of multiple imaging studies done in the same session. (March 2011).
- ✓ **ACOG Opposed CMS Multiple Procedure Payment Reduction Proposal**
 - Opposed a CMS FY12 proposed physician fee schedule 50% cut to the less expensive imaging procedure done on the same patient in the same day and include ultrasound in the definition of advanced imaging (August 2011).
 - ACOG included opposition to the use of ultrasound in an advanced imaging definition and concerns that ultrasound would be disproportionately hurt by the policy (August 2011).
 - The 3 Fellow Members of Congress wrote a joint comment letter re-iterating ACOG's concerns (August 2011).
 - The final rule acknowledged that ultrasound isn't advanced imaging (November 2011).
- ✓ **ACOG Joined Amicus Brief in Support of Medicaid Providers**
 - To ensure that states comply with the federal Medicaid statute and to prevent dramatic cuts to Medicaid ob-gyn payments (March 2011).
- ✓ **ACOG Urged Sensible Medicare Payment Reform**
 - ACOG outlined our proposals for a reformed Medicare physician payment system with the House Energy and Commerce Committee (April 2011).
 - ACOG supported Rep. Schwartz's (D-PA) proposal to repeal the SGR. Proposal would create transitional time period to test alternative payment systems and provide increased reimbursement for primary care providers, including ob-gyns (November 2011).
- ✓ **ACOG Opposed MedPAC Recommendations to Freeze Primary Care Payments and Cut Specialty Care Payments**
 - ACOG helped gather 96 House signatories on letter by Reps. Burgess (R-TX) and Green (D-TX) opposing MedPAC recommendations to freeze payments to primary care over the next ten years while reducing payments to all other physicians 5.9% per year between 2012 and 2014 (November 2011).

- ACOG joined 45 physician groups in a letter opposing the recommendations (October 2011).
- ✓ **ACOG Won Introduction of Preservation of Access to Osteoporosis Testing for Medicare Beneficiaries Act of 2011**
 - H.R. 2020/S. 1096, introduced by Reps. Burgess (R-TX) and Berkeley (D-NV) and Sens. Stabenow (D-MI) and Snowe (R-ME), would reverse cuts to DXA imaging reimbursements. (May 2011).
- ✓ **ACOG Urged HHS to Modify New Health IT Rules**
 - ACOG joined 20 medical societies urging HHS to withdraw proposed report requirements and make modifications to the proposed accounting of disclosures report requirement (August 2011).
- ✓ **ACOG Reversed Cuts to Medicare Obstetrical Codes**
 - CMS reversed an 11% cut to the ob-code after ACOG lobbied CMS and recruited ACOG Fellows Reps. Burgess, Gingrey, and Roe to press for change.(October 2011).

DEFICIT REDUCTION

ACOG's Ob-GynPAC and ACOG's Government Affairs worked with all Members of the Supercommittee, Gang of Six, House and Senate Leadership, and other key lawmakers on deficit reduction. ACOG placed ads and op-eds in newspapers (see "Hearings, Briefings, and Press" section) in support of our priorities.

- ✓ **ACOG Urged Congress to Protect Medicaid**
 - ACOG joined the Partnership for Medicaid to urge the Gang of Six to protect Medicaid (May 2011).
 - ACOG and the Partnership developed a white paper on Medicaid reform policy options, including the idea of a medical home for pregnant women. (June 2011)
 - ACOG organized a Congressional briefing to release the document (June 2011).
 - ACOG helped gather 40 House signatories on letter by Rep. Gwen Moore (D-WI) to protect Medicaid for women (July 2011).
 - ACOG urged the Supercommittee to oppose any cuts to eligibility levels, benefits or reductions in provider reimbursements in Medicaid (September 2011).
- ✓ **ACOG Urged Congress to Repeal SGR and Permanently Fix the Medicare Payment System**
 - ACOG joined 110 medical societies in asking the President, Congressional leadership and the Gang of Six to repeal the SGR as part of the debt ceiling negotiations. (June 2011).

- ACOG urged the Supercommittee to repeal SGR and IPAB (September 2011).
- ACOG joined 117 medical groups urging the Supercommittee to repeal SGR (September 2011).
- Joined over 20 medical groups representing over 350,000 physicians, to urge the Supercommittee to repeal IPAB (October 2011).
- ACOG joined over 100 medical groups urging the Supercommittee to repeal SGR and avoid the upcoming 27% cut medicare providers (November 2011).

✓ **ACOG Urged Congress to Protect Graduate Medical Education**

- ACOG and 18 other medical specialty societies urged the President and Congressional leadership to oppose cuts to GME during the debt ceiling negotiations (July 2011).
- ACOG urged the Supercommittee to oppose any cuts to GME (September 2011).
- ACOG joined over 40 other medical groups in urging the Supercommittee to protect GME (October 2011).

✓ **ACOG Urged Congress to Enact Meaningful Medical Liability Reform**

- ACOG urged the Supercommittee to enact meaningful medical liability reform to reduce the deficit by \$62 billion (September 2011).
- ACOG joined over 30 groups in the Health Coalition on Liability and Access in urging the Supercommittee to enact meaningful medical liability reforms (September 2011).
- ACOG joined 100 other medical groups in urging the Supercommittee to enact meaningful medical liability reforms (October 2011).

✓ **ACOG Urged Congress to Avoid Disproportionate Cuts to Non-Security Programs**

- ACOG joined 63 public health groups urging the Supercommittee to avoid disproportionate non-security discretionary spending cuts to programs, such as those at NIH, CDC, and HRSA (October 2011).
- ACOG and the Family Planning Coalition urged the Supercommittee to protect critical, cost-saving programs that provide sexual and reproductive health care to millions of women, men, children, and families, including Title X (October 2011).
- ACOG and the Friends of Maternal Child Health Block Granted urged the Supercommittee to protect programs including Title V, MCH Block Grant that protect the health of our nation's women and children (October 2011).

MEDICAL LIABILITY

- ✓ **Introduction of Comprehensive Medical Liability Reform Bill**
 - H.R. 5, the HEALTH Act of 2011, introduced by Rep. Gingrey (R-GA) would provide a \$250,000 cap on noneconomic damages (February 2011).

 - S. 1099, the HEALTH Act of 2011, introduced by Sens. Blunt (R-MO) and Kirk (R-IL) would provide for a \$250,000 cap on noneconomic damages (May 2011).

- ✓ **ACOG Testified Before Congress in Support of H.R. 5**
 - ACOG submitted written comments to the House Judiciary Committee Hearing on H.R. 5 (January 2011).

 - ACOG Fellow Lisa Hollier, MD testified before the House Energy and Commerce Committee on H.R. 5 (April 2011).

- ✓ **ACOG Nominated Fellow to Liability Advisory Group**
 - Victoria L. Green, MD, MHSA, MBA, JD, FACOG, to serve as a member of the Review Panel for the State Demonstration Programs to Evaluate Alternatives to Current Medical Tort Litigation.

QUALITY

- ✓ **ACOG Provided Comments to AHRQ on CHIP Quality Measures**
 - ACOG provided comments to AHRQ on priority setting for the Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act (CHIPRA) Pediatric Quality Measures Program (January 2011).

- ✓ **ACOG Urged Chlamydia Screening Measures**
 - ACOG urged the addition of the NCQA HEDIS measure for chlamydia screening to the Core Set of Health Quality Measures for Medicaid-Eligible Adults. (February 2011).

- ✓ **ACOG Urged CMS to Improve Perinatal Outcomes**
 - ACOG President, Dr. James Martin met with CMS Acting Administrator Dr. Donald Berwick, CMS Innovation Center Director Dr. Richard Gilfillan, and Medicaid Director Cindy Mann to discuss the Perinatal Outcomes Improvement Symposium and to identify a small number of immediately actionable, scientifically sound, interventions that will show real progress to improve birth outcomes (June 2011).

- ✓ **ACOG Offered Guidance for PCORI Priorities**
 - ACOG provided guidance for the priorities of the Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute (September 2011).

WOMEN'S HEALTH: REGULATORY

✓ **ACOG Urged USDA to Amend Dietary Guidelines**

- ACOG urged the USDA to include folic acid intake for women of reproductive age, encourage pregnant women and women trying to become pregnant to abstain from alcohol consumption, and recommend appropriate levels of seafood consumption for pregnant women. The final dietary guidelines include most of ACOG's recommended changes. (February 2011).

✓ **ACOG Led Efforts to Oppose the Makena Price Increase**

- ACOG worked with AAP, SMFM to demand KV Pharmaceutical lower its price of Makena from \$1500/injection (March 2011).
- ACOG enlisted the support of Sens. Brown (D-OH), Klobuchar (D-MN), Gillibrand (D-NY), Warner (D-VA), Reps. Waxman (D-CA), Pallone (D-NJ), DeGette (D-CO), Rep. Slaughter (D-NY) on a letter to KV, co-signed by Reps. Schwartz (D-PA), Courtney (D-CT), Conyers (D-MI), Jackson-Lee (D-TX), Speier (D-CA), Jackson, Jr. (D-IL), Schakowsky (D-IL), Moran (D-VA), Engel (D-NY), DeLauro (D-CT), Capps (D-CA), Emerson (R-MO), Edwards (D-MD), Welch (D-VT), Murphy (D-CT), Lee (D-CA), Frank (D-MA), Smith (D-WA), Wasserman Schultz (D-FL), who worked with HHS, FTC, FDA, CMS to evaluate the situation. (March 2011).
- FDA announced that it did not plan to take action against pharmacies that compound 17-P (March 2011).
- KV Pharmaceuticals lowered the price to \$690/dose and ACOG responded saying new price is not low enough, cosigned by SMFM, AAP, ACOG, NMA, AAFP, ACNM, AWHONN (April 2011).

✓ **ACOG Urged Sec. Sebelius to Ensure Confidentiality for Adolescent Health Services**

- Urged Sec. Sebelius to ensure dependents are able to obtain confidential health services such as contraceptive services and care related to detection of and treatment for STIs, as well as other sensitive services under their insurance coverage (March 2011).
- Urged CMS, Department of Labor, and IRS to change a provision that would violate adolescents' and young adults' confidentiality for sensitive physical and mental health services (May 2011).

✓ **ACOG Highlighted the Importance of Women's Health in the National Prevention Strategy**

- ACOG provided comments to the Surgeon General on National Prevention, Health Promotion, and Public Health (January 2011).

- ACOG successfully worked with the Council to include "reproductive and sexual health" as one of its seven priorities (June 2011).
- ACOG joined 70 public health groups in commending the National Prevention Council for the release of *The National Prevention Strategy: America's Plan for Better Health and Wellness*. (June 2011).
- ✓ **ACOG Contributed to GAO's Influenza Report**
 - GAO released the report entitled "Federal Investments in Alternative Technologies and Challenges to Development and Licensure," based on discussions with ACOG and Dr. Laura Riley. (June 2011).
- ✓ **ACOG Provided Guidance to the FDA on Surgical Mesh for Pelvic Organ Prolapse**
 - ACOG applauded the FDA for protecting women's health by issuing an update to the serious safety and effectiveness concerns related to transvaginal placement of surgical mesh to repair pelvic organ prolapse (July 2011).
- ✓ **ACOG Provided Guidance to the FDA on Modified Risk Tobacco Produces (MRTP)**
 - ACOG urged the FDA to carefully address the promotion and use of MRTP's by pregnant women and highlighted the need for smoking cessation programs (September 2011).
- ✓ **ACOG Provided Guidance to FDA on Drospirenone and Ortho Evra**
 - ACOG provided written comments to the FDA's Reproductive Health Drugs Advisory Committee and the Drug Safety and Risk Management Advisory Committee in their efforts to explore the benefits and risks of drospirenone-containing oral contraceptive pills and Ortho Evra in light of recent data on the risk of VTE (November 2011).
- ✓ **ACOG Opposed HHS Decision to Overrule FDA on Plan B**
 - ACOG issued a press statement with the American Academy of Pediatrics and the Society of Adolescent Health and Medicine to denounce the decision by HHS to overrule an evidence-based decision FDA to approve an application for over-the-counter access without age restriction to the emergency contraception product Plan B (December 2011).
 - ACOG led 10 other medical groups urging President Obama to carefully review this decision and ensure HHS acted in accordance with the highest level of scientific integrity (December 2011).

WOMEN'S HEALTH: LEGISLATIVE

- ✓ **ACOG Won Introduction of Birth Certificate Enhancement Act of 2011**
 - H.R. 666, introduced by Rep. Steve Cohen (D-TN), would help states collect birth and death data to help our nation improve maternal and infant health outcomes (February 2011).

- ✓ **ACOG Won Introduction of Maternal Mortality Bill**
 - H.R. 894, introduced by Rep. John Conyers (D-MI) provides grants for states to set up or improve maternal mortality review committees (March 2011).

- ✓ **ACOG Won Introduction of Birth Defects Bill**
 - H.R. 2029/S. 1131, introduced by Rep. Rosa DeLauro (D-CT) and Sen. Kay Hagan (D-NC) would provide research on birth defects and breast-feeding, and help educate women on ways to reduce risks to their babies and have healthy pregnancies. (April 2011).

- ✓ **ACOG Opposed Ban on Using GME Funds for Abortion Training**
 - ACOG opposed an amendment by Rep. Virginia Foxx (R-NC) barring GME money from being used for abortion training. The amendment passed the House, and died in the Senate (June 2011).

- ✓ **Gestational Diabetes Bill Introduced**
 - H.R. 2194/S. 1221, the Gestational Diabetes (GEDI) Act, introduced by Reps. Engel (D-NY)/Burgess (R-TX) and Sens. Shaheen (D-NH)/Collins (R-ME) to conduct and support basic clinical research regarding gestational diabetes and obesity during pregnancy (June 2011).

- ✓ **Tanning Bed Cancer Control Act of 2011 Introduced**
 - H.R. 1676 introduced by Reps. Dent (R-PA) and Maloney (D-NY) would provide public awareness of the dangers of indoor tanning and would provide a pathway to increased regulation of tanning beds (June 2011).

- ✓ **ACOG Won Introduction of NEWBORN Act**
 - H.R. 2127, the Nationally Enhancing the Wellbeing of Babies through Outreach and Research Now (NEWBORN) Act, introduced by Rep. Steve Cohen (D- TN), would award grants to create and oversee infant mortality pilot programs in those areas (June 2011).

- ✓ **Introduction of the Prematurity Research Expansion and Education for Mothers Who Deliver Infants Early (PREEMIE) Act**
 - H.R. 2679/S. 1440, introduced by Reps. Lance (R-NJ)/Eshoo (D-CA) Sens. Alexander (R-TN) and Bennet (D-CO) would reauthorize the PREEMIE Act to reduce preterm labor and delivery and the risk of pregnancy-related deaths and complications due to prematurity (July 2011).

- ✓ **ACOG Won Introduction of Access to Birth Control Act of 2011**
 - H.R. 2659/S. 1415, introduced by Rep. Maloney (D-NY) and Sen. Lautenberg (D-NJ), which would require pharmacies to dispense FDA approved contraception that are in stock, without delay (July 2011).

- ✓ **ACOG Won Introduction of Health Disparities Legislation**
 - ACOG worked with the Congressional Tri-Caucus -- Black Caucus, Hispanic Caucus, and Asian Pacific American Caucus Reps. Lee (D-CA,) Roybal-Allard (D-CA), and Christensen (D-VI) -- to introduce H.R. 2954, a comprehensive bill to address health disparities. ACOG won inclusion of a women's health section with several MOMS legislative priorities. (September 2011).

- ✓ **ACOG Won Introduction of Bill to Award the Congressional Gold Medal to Dr. Ernie Bodai**
 - H.R. 3003, introduced by Rep. Speier (D-CA), would award the Congressional Gold Medal to Dr. Ernie Bodai. Dr. Bodai led efforts to create the Breast Cancer Research stamp, raising \$75 million raised to help find a cure for breast cancer (September 2011).

- ✓ **ACOG Won Introduction of Stillbirth/SIDS Bill**
 - H.R. 3418/S. 1862, introduced by Rep. Pallone (D-NJ) and Sen. Lautenberg (D-NJ) would address stillbirth, Sudden Unexplained Infant Death (SUID), and Sudden Unexplained Death in Childhood (November 2011).

- ✓ **ACOG Won Introduction of the Quality Care for Moms and Babies Act**
 - H.R. 3620/S. 1969 introduced by Rep. Eliot Engel (D-NY) and Sens. Stabenow (D-MI) and Menendez (D-NJ), would develop a national maternity care quality measurement program, establish and expand regional and state maternity care quality improvement collaboratives, and promote maternity medical homes (December 2011).

- ✓ **ACOG Supported Infertility Bill**
 - H.R. 3522/S. 965 introduced by Rep. John Lewis (D-GA) and Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY) provides tax credits to couples seeking infertility treatments who could not otherwise afford it (December 2011).

FY 11 AND FY 12 APPROPRIATIONS

- ✓ **ACOG Opposed FY11 Cuts to Maternal Health Programs**
 - ACOG opposed the House passed funding bill, HR 1, that cut over \$60 billion from the budget, including gutting the Title X program and making significant cuts to the MCH Block Grant, NIH and other ACOG priority programs and agencies. H.R. was rejected by the Senate (March 2011).

✓ **ACOG Opposed FY 12 Appropriations Bill Riders to Restrict Access to Reproductive Health Information and Care**

- ACOG and 35 other organizations urged House and Senate leadership to reject policy riders such as ones that would eliminate for primary and preventive care services provided by Planned Parenthood affiliates; eliminate funding for the Title X family planning program; or eliminate existing language providing strong evidence standards for teen pregnancy prevention funding (November 2011).

✓ **FY 12 Funding Chart of Select ACOG Priorities (in millions):**

Program	FY11 Final	ACOG FY12 Request	President Obama's FY12	House	Senate	FY12 Final
HRSA	\$6,271	\$7,650	\$6,808	\$6,700	\$6,229	\$6,438
MCH Block Grant	\$656	\$700	\$654	\$654	\$606	\$646.3
Healthy Start	\$105	\$.5 for FIMR	\$105	---	\$104	\$104.7
Title X Family Planning	\$300	\$327	\$327	\$0	\$299.4	\$297.4
NIH	\$30,600	\$35,000	\$32,000	\$31,700	\$30,500	\$30,632
NICHD	\$1,317	\$1,352	\$1,352	\$1,352	\$1,303	\$1,303
CDC	\$6,837	\$7,700	\$6,647	\$6,455	\$6,663	\$6,512
Safe Motherhood	\$44.8	\$55.7	\$55.7	---	\$44.05	\$44.05
Health Statistics (NCHS)	\$158	\$162	\$161.8	\$136	\$173	\$158
AHRQ	\$372	\$405	\$390	\$348	\$372	\$369
Office of the Secretary						
Teen Pregnancy Prev.	\$104	\$130	\$118	\$40	\$113	\$113
Department of Defense						
Ovarian Cancer Research Program	\$20	\$20	NA	\$16	\$10	\$16

✓ **ACOG Submitted Testimony in Support of FY12 MOMS Priorities**

- Title X Family Planning
- Title V Maternal-Child Health Block Grant
- Maternal/Child Health Research and Programs at NIH, CDC, and HRSA
- Maternal Mortality Reviews
- Electronic Birth Records and Death Records
- National Fetal Infant Mortality Review
- Obesity Research, Treatment and Prevention
- Comparative Effectiveness Research into Preterm Birth and Pregnancy-Related Depression
- Health Disparities Research in Women
- Safe Motherhood/Infant Health

✓ **ACOG Won Inclusion of Report Language on FY12 MOMS Priorities**

- Maternal Mortality Reviews
 - Report language included in final FY12 bill
- Electronic Birth Records and Death Records
 - Report language included in final FY12 bill
- Preterm Birth Research
 - Report language included in final FY12 bill
- Data Collection on Severe Maternal Morbidity
 - Report language included in final FY12 bill
- Health Disparities Research in Women
 - Report language included in final FY12 bill
- National Fetal Infant Mortality Review
 - Not included in final FY12 bill

HEARINGS, BRIEFINGS AND PRESS

- ✓ Lisa Hollier, FACOG testified before the House Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on Health in support of **H.R. 5** (April 2011).
- ✓ Dr. Hal Lawrence spoke at a press event with Cecile Richards, President of **PPFA**, Rep. Wasserman-Shultz (D-FL), Rep. Lee (D-CA), and the President of the National Medical Association to protect funding for women's health programs (April 2011).
- ✓ ACOG co-hosted a Congressional briefing with Rep. John Conyers (D-MI) on **maternal mortality** and promoting H.R. 894. ACOG Fellow and Immediate Past President Richard Waldman spoke at the briefing along with **Christy Turlington-Burns** and representatives from Amnesty International, HHS Office of Minority Healthy, and NAACP (May 2011).

- ✓ ACOG hosted a Congressional briefing with Rep. Steve Cohen (D-TN) recognizing infant mortality awareness month and promoting **MOMS-related legislation**; ACOG Immediate Past President Richard Waldman spoke at the briefing along with Dr. Garth Graham head of the Office of Minority Health; **Tonya Lewis Lee**, wife of Spike Lee and OMH spokesperson; and a representative from the Association of Maternal and Child Health Programs (September 2011).
- ✓ ACOG sponsored a briefing on **prematurity** hosted by the March of Dimes promoting re-authorization of the PREEMIE Act; ACOG Fellow Elliott Main spoke on behalf of ACOG (November 2011).
- ✓ Mark Seigel, FACOG was mentioned in an **op-ed by Sens. Cardin** (D-MD), Schumer (D-NY), Brown (D-OH) and Stabenow (D-MI) on women's preventive services (February 2011).
- ✓ ACOG worked with **New York Times reporter Robert Pear** on his article on Women's Health amendment and contraception (February 2011).
- ✓ ACOG worked with Senator Brown (D-OH) to have ACOG Fellows attend and speak at press events in Ohio on the issue of **Makena**. ACOG Fellows Oscar Khawli, Shirazali Sunderji, Brian Mercer, Jennifer Bailit, and Wayne Trout participated (March 2011).
- ✓ ACOG worked with ACOG Fellow and McCain Fellowship Recipient Thad Anderson to submit an **op-ed in the Des Moines Register** on the issue (March 2011).
- ✓ ACOG sponsored a Congressional briefing on **gestational diabetes** (May 2011).
- ✓ ACOG led the Partnership for Medicaid, a nonpartisan coalition of organizations representing health care providers, safety net health plans, counties and labor, in sponsoring a heavily attended Congressional briefing on **protecting Medicaid** in deficit reduction (June 2011).
- ✓ ACOG President James Martin sent an open letter called "Facts are Important," to every declared candidate for the Presidency, setting the record straight on the **HPV vaccine** (September 2011).
- ✓ Working with ACOG's campaign to protect women and physicians from **Medicaid cuts**, ACOG Junior Fellow and Gellhaus Fellowship Recipient Jillian Lopiano, MD, MPH submitted an op-ed to a local news service in the district of Supercommittee member Chris Van Hollen (D-MD) to protect Medicaid (November 2011).
- ✓ ACOG placed **ads in newspapers** in AK, DC, IL, ME, NV, OH, and VA to support Medicaid and GME and Repeal IPAB (September-November 2011).

- ✓ ACOG joined the Partnership for Medicaid to place **ads to support Medicaid** in DC **newspapers** and placed ads on the **radio** in DC (October-November 2011).

FEDERAL POLITICAL ADVOCACY: OB-GYN PAC

- ✓ **2011 Ob-GynPAC Dollars Raised \$456,000**
 - Record-breaking weekend at CLC/SOLD: **\$70,440**
 - January Solicitation letter: **\$60,891**
 - ACM: **\$17,990**
 - Tele-fundraising: **\$188,550**
 - District Meetings (District III and ACOOG, V, VI and Central, VIII and IX, and XI): 594 people contributed over **\$97,000**
 - PAC Ambassador Program
 - In 2010 the program raised **\$13,015**
 - In 2011, it raised **\$31,114**
 - Added Monthly and Quarterly Contribution options, **90 individuals** participate
 - Junior Fellow Involvement:
 - 183 JFs contributed in 2010 and raised \$15,395
 - **298 JFs** have contributed to date in 2011 and raised **\$27,500**.
- ✓ **2011 Ob-GynPAC Candidate and Political Contributions:**
 - Ob-GynPAC disbursed **\$402,500** in direct candidate contributions to 123 candidates, committees and leadership PACs.
 - 54% to Democrats and 46% to Republicans.
 - 63 Republicans and 60 Democrats
 - 85 candidates running for the US House of Representatives
 - **14 physicians** running for the US House
 - 22 US Senate races
 - 16 Leadership PACs and Party Committees.
 - **229 political events with Members of Congress** in 2011
- ✓ **2011-2012 Ob-GynPAC Political Education:**
 - Ob-GynPAC, now in its third year incorporated into ACOG, continues to educate all members on ACOG's political activity.
 - **Annual Report**, distributed to all contributors, CLC participants, ACM attendees, and available online.

- **Annual Candidate Workshop**, a one day workshop designed to teach ACOG Fellows and other specialty physicians how to run for office had **24 doctors attend** in 2011, more than the AMA's candidate workshop
- Ob-GynPAC appeared weekly in ACOG News.
- Ob-GynPAC **booths at ACM, CLC, and at ADMs.**

ACOG FELLOW EDUCATION AND MOBILIZATION

- ✓ ACOG organized **9 grassroots campaigns** and mobilized over 600 Fellows to contact their lawmakers by email and over 50 Fellows by phone to protect ACOG priorities, including Medicaid, IPAB Repeal, GME, contraception access, and maternal mortality reviews.
- ✓ ACOG designed and ran **11 ads** focusing on protecting Medicaid and GME from funding cuts and repealing the IPAB during the Supercommittee deficit reduction talks. Ads ran in Roll Call, Portland Press Herald, Columbus Dispatch, Nevada Appeal, Richmond Dispatch, Helena Independent, Chicago Sun Times and the Anchorage Daily News.
- ✓ 29th Annual Congressional Leadership Conference (**CLC**), The President's Conference, February 27-March 1 in Washington DC.
 - 250 participants lobbied Congress to repeal the SGR and increase women's health research funding.
 - 49 states participated.
 - 302 Congressional meetings.
 - 98 Senate meetings, 204 House Meetings, 183 Democrats and 117 Republicans, 2 Independents.
 - Participants received up to 19 CME.
- ✓ Issued 37 editions of **ACOG News**, with special messages from ACOG Presidents Waldman and Martin.
- ✓ ACOG **Annual Clinical Meeting** in Washington, DC April 30-May 4, 2011.
 - ACOG **Advocacy Booth** combined ACOG's Government Affairs and Ob-GynPAC, MOMS themed booth, in high-traffic area.
 - Annual **McCain Luncheon**, on Medical Liability Reform, featured the Honorable Phil Gingrey, MD, FACOG (R-GA) who spoke about HR 5.
- ✓ Joint Surgical Advocacy Conference (**JSAC**) in Washington, DC March 2011.
 - Drs. Jim Breeden, Jim Macer, Kevin Kiley, Jerry Kopelman, Tony Ogburn, and Mark DeFrancesco attended and lobbied to repeal the IPAB.
 - Ob-GynPAC co-hosted the Fundraiser at the Ronald Reagan Building Rotunda.
- ✓ Created a MOMS center on ACOG's **advocacy webpage**.

- ✓ **McCain Fellow Program:**
 - Dr. Tony Ogburn, District VIII (March 2011).
 - Dr. David Forstein, ACOOG (May 2011).
 - Dr. Laurie Gregg, District IX (September 2011).

- ✓ **Gellhaus Resident Advocacy Program:**
 - Dr. Aasta Mehta, Philadelphia, PA (March 2011).
 - Dr. Sarah Goetz, Berkley, MI (April 2011).
 - Dr. Rachael Overcash, Washington, DC (May 2011).

- ✓ **Medical Student Advocacy Program:**
 - Elizabeth Serino, Washington, DC (October-November 2011).

ACOG FEDERAL NOMINATIONS

- ✓ Richard H. Beigi, MD, MSc, FACOG, for a seat on the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) National Vaccine Advisory Committee (NVAC).

- ✓ Victoria L. Green, MD, MHSA, MBA, JD, FACOG, to serve as a member of the Review Panel for the State Demonstration Programs to Evaluate Alternatives to Current Medical Tort Litigation.

- ✓ Arnold W. Cohen, MD, FACOG to serve as a member of the IOM Committee to recommend methods for defining essential health benefits for Qualified Health Plans.

- ✓ Raquel D. Arias, M.D., FACOG to serve as a member of the Federal Advisory Committee on Breast Cancer in Young Women. Selected to serves as a liaison member.

- ✓ Nancy Chescheir, MD, FACOG to serve as a member of the Council on Graduate Medical Education (COGME).

- ✓ Dee E. Fenner, MD, FACOG to serve as a member of the Council on Graduate Medical Education (COGME).

- ✓ Manju Monga, MD, FACOG to serve as a member of the Council on Graduate Medical Education (COGME).

- ✓ Stephen K. Klasko, M.D., M.B.A., FACOG, for the AMA Physician Payment and Delivery Reform Leadership Group.

- ✓ James G. Quirk, MD, PhD, FACOG, to serve as a member of the Pediatric Quality Measures Program expert panel tasked with addressing children's health quality measures.

ACOG FEDERAL COALITIONS

- ✓ IPAB Coalition
- ✓ Surgical Coalition
- ✓ Health Coalition on Liability and Access (Medical Liability)
- ✓ Partnership for Medicaid
- ✓ Coalition for Health Funding
- ✓ Women in Health Care Coalition
- ✓ Friends of NICHD
- ✓ Friends of HRSA
- ✓ Friends of CDC
- ✓ Friends of NCHS
- ✓ Friends of AHRQ
- ✓ Family Planning Coalition
- ✓ Sex Education Coalition
- ✓ Small Lobby (Reproductive Health Coalition)
- ✓ National Chlamydia Coalition
- ✓ Adolescent Health Coalition
- ✓ Friends of NCBDDD
- ✓ One Voice Against Cancer