



The only way independent physicians across the country are ever going to change the nationwide landscape is to develop a unified voice that patients, hospitals, and the 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.

*--Thomas A. Thomas, CPA
AID Founder*



JOIN THE CAUSE

All independent doctors who do not want to become hospital employees, and who want to be part of a community of like-minded health professionals should join AID. Likewise, any health advocate who believes in helping doctors continue to practice private medicine should join.

Annual membership dues are as follows:

- Doctor \$500
- Health-Law Attorney \$500
- Medical Student \$100
- Health-Care Advocate \$100
- Corporate Sponsorship \$10,000

As AID's membership grows, so does our voice. To become a member, go to www.aid-us.org/join. Memberships are tax deductible. Please join us.

HELPING INDEPENDENT DOCTORS STAY THAT WAY

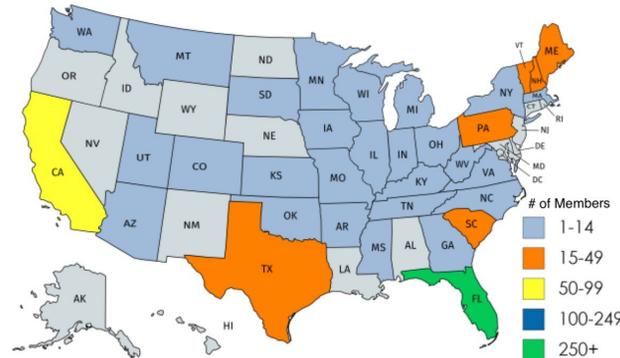


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*Giving doctors a voice and
patients a choice*

AID MEMBER STATES



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.

Today, AID has nearly 1,000 members in more than 30 states coast to coast.

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 enforce anti-trust laws.
- **Increase price transparency**, so consumers can know prices before they have procedures and can shop for the most affordable options.
- **Eliminate facility fees; promote parity.** Facilities fees are added costs that add no value to patient care, but cause prices to rise exponentially. By eliminating them, we could move toward site-neutral payments, and require payers to pay doctors the same amount for the same procedure regardless of where it's done.
- **Reverse the tax-exempt status abuse** by nonprofit hospitals.
- **Save America's doctors.** What's healthy for doctors is healthy for America.

HOW YOU BENEFIT

Your membership in AID not only supports our efforts to fight for the survival of independent doctors, but also offers you many direct benefits:

- **A 15% discount on medical professional liability insurance** helps eligible members realize significant savings. Through a collaboration with Coverys, one of the nation's leading medical professional liability insurance companies, AID members may receive a 15% discount off their medical malpractice insurance when they choose Coverys for their coverage.
- **A listing** in the online directory of independent doctors
- **Significant savings** through AID-Save, AID's group purchasing program
- **Other member discounts** available through AID's corporate sponsors
- **Access to an ombudsman program** to help with unwarranted denials of care, harassment by hospital administration, or failures of responsible government agencies to respond
- **A network** of like-minded colleagues
- **Patient education** resources
- **Up-to-date** news on issues impacting independent doctors, delivered through regular AID member updates
- **Part of the voice** that's educating consumers, media, business and lawmakers about why America needs independent doctors
- **Access to lawmakers** who are influencing health-care policy