



FSMB to Open Advocacy Office in Washington, D.C.

At a pivotal and transitional time for the U.S. health care system, the FSMB is expanding its advocacy for state medical boards by opening an office in Washington, D.C.

The new office, located at 1110 Vermont Ave, NW, will serve as the hub of FSMB's work with national legislators and policymakers. It will formally open on Jan. 25, 2010.

"This is an important milestone in our nearly 100-year history," said FSMB CEO Humayun Chaudhry, D.O. "By maintaining an ongoing presence in Washington, FSMB will be a more effective champion and advocate for the needs of state medical boards. At the same time, it will help us raise awareness and public understanding at a national level of the important work state medical boards do."

As a service to its members, FSMB will provide updates about legislation and regulatory matters in Washington. In addition, FSMB staff is creating a schedule of activities for 2010 and beyond that will help strengthen the connection between the state medical board community and federal policymakers.

Lisa Robin, FSMB's senior vice president for Advocacy and Member Services, is the primary staff contact in the new Washington, D.C. office. For more information, please call (202) 530-4872.