

• D.O.C.-A-DAY AGENDA •

8:00 AM: Briefing

Arrive at the Central Office no later than 8 am. Staff will provide a briefing on issues, your legislators and tactics. If you are unable to arrive by 8 am, contact Brian Bowles in advance so a briefing can be scheduled via phone call prior to your date. If, for some reason, meetings are scheduled later in the morning or day, MAOPS staff will contact you and let you know what time to arrive. *

*The Capitol will close if winter weather is eminent or is occurring. MAOPS staff tries to proactively contact physicians in advance. If winter weather is expected, we generally recommend canceling your visit. Keep an eye on the weather and call us if you have questions.

8:45 AM: Shuttle to the Capitol

Legislators have limited time. Meetings are usually only 10 – 15 minutes long. If we are late, there will not be an opportunity to meet with the legislator later. We will head to the Capitol no later than 8:45 am and sometimes earlier. If you are running late and more than one physician is attending on that day, we will have to leave without you in order to make the appointments on time!

9:00 AM – 11:00 AM : Legislator Meetings

You will have two meetings, one with your Representative and one with your Senator*. If other physicians are present, and appointments don't overlap, you will also attend those meetings. Rarely, we must meet with staff instead. Don't be offended by this as legislators rely on key staff heavily. As we will discuss in the briefing, establishing a relationship is priority #1. Introduce yourself, tell them about your practice and patients and make sure they have your business card. Review their bio online before coming and know something about them, too. You never know when this will be helpful. MAOPS staff will have briefed you on a few topics of current interest to the legislators. Staff or a lobbyist will be with you to help.

*Please be aware that legislators might suddenly be unavailable to meet. It happens rarely but does happen! Your legislator may want to introduce you on the House or Senate floor. You don't have to do anything other than smile and wave!

11:00AM – 12:00 PM: Finalize Visits/Tour the Capitol

At times, meetings are scheduled a bit later. Sometimes we can meet with other legislators including leadership and committee chairs during this time. If you've never been to the Capitol, you might choose to do a bit of sightseeing.

12:00 AM – 1:30 PM: Lunch

After visits are completed, we will go to lunch. Usually we get to visit one of Jefferson City's quaint establishments. Depending on timing, we might have to eat in the Capitol.

1:30 PM: Committee Hearings

This is the time most can expect to be on the road home. Committee hearings usually occur in the afternoon. If you desire, you can sit in on important hearings. Sometimes you may want to testify on a bill. If this occurs, MAOPS staff will be there to assist. (Plus, you don't have to if you don't want to!). If there is a specific committee hearing we need to attend and would like physician testimony, MAOPS staff will contact you in advance when possible.

