



The [Ohio Academy of Family Physicians](#) is a statewide professional association with 5,200 members, including practicing family physicians, family medicine residents, and medical students. Since 1948, the OAFP has represented the professional interests of Ohio family physicians, provided postgraduate medical education, and encouraged medical students to enter this field and to advance the patient-physician relationship. The OAFP is one of the largest, most active chapters of the American Academy of Family Physicians and is celebrating its [75 anniversary](#) of quality membership education, devoted advocacy, and family medicine advancement.

The OAFP seeks a driven, advocacy-focused, association professional to fill the Academy's newly established Director of Government Advocacy role.

Director of Government Advocacy

Primary Duties & Responsibilities:

- Manage and execute the association's advocacy initiatives as prioritized in OAFP's strategic plan
- Work closely with OAFP's contracted lobbyist to respond to pending legislation and regulatory rules of interest to the OAFP
- Coordinate member testimony, and if required, testify on relevant legislative or regulatory issues
- Establish and manage a grassroots network of family physicians in order to organize the membership for action on issues as they arise
- Coordinate and execute advocacy-focused meetings with members to discuss legislative and strategic priorities
- Prepare legislative talking points, newsletter articles, press releases, Speak Out letters, written testimony, and other advocacy tools on key issues for members and stakeholders
- Work with staff to maintain and update the advocacy areas of the OAFP's website
- Utilize social media to promote the OAFP's advocacy agenda
- Collaborate with other organizations with similar advocacy goals and aims to advance the initiatives of the OAFP
- Represent the OAFP before policy makers and in allied coalitions (as needed)
- Serve as the staff liaison to the Public Policy Committee
- Serve as the staff liaison to the Academy's Family Medicine Political Action Committee (FM-PAC)
- Assist with the advocacy preparation of conferences, board and committee meetings

The above statements are intended to describe the general nature and type of work being performed. They are not intended to be an exhaustive list of all duties and responsibilities. Please note, that this is a member-facing position that works closely with OAFP's contract lobbyist. As the Director of Government Advocacy, direct lobbying to Ohio legislators is minimal.

Knowledge, Skills, & Abilities:

- Experience in a nonprofit association, state government, or government relations/advocacy management organization
- Demonstrated experience working with government agencies, healthcare companies, or equivalent organizations
- Strong written, interpersonal and verbal communication skills
- Proficient in time management and organizational skills
- Ability to work independently and as part of a team with staff, consultants, and volunteer committees

Education & Work Experience Required:

- Bachelor's degree from a four year accredited college/university
- Minimum of 3-5 years of relevant professional experience
- PC experience with Windows operating system
- Ability to work within a hybrid (virtual/in-office) setting

Interested applicants should send a cover letter, resume, and salary requirements **by March 31** to Executive Vice President, Kate Mahler, CAE at kmahler@ohioafp.org or by mail to OAFP | 4075 N. High St. Columbus, OH 43214.