

# TMA Scores Precedent — Setting Victories for You and Your Patients

Texas patients and their physicians triumphed at the state Capitol this year. Nearly every TMA bill made it to the finish line, either intact or as an amendment. And every bill TMA wanted stopped was stopped.

## Our 2013 bills:

- Stopped silent PPOs' theft of physician services;
- Cut red tape and paperwork hassles, including for Medicaid;
- Reined in overzealous Medicaid fraud-and-abuse investigations;
- Stopped unwarranted scope of practice expansions;
- Firmly established physician-led medical teams, allowing all involved to practice at their level of education and training;
- Protected physicians' independent medical judgment;
- Protected public health with improved vaccination policies for children, adolescents, and adults;
- Restored and increased women's health care funding;
- Secured tax relief for small businesses, which includes many physician practices; and
- Rejected every single attack on our 2003 liability reforms.

For all the details, visit: [www.texmed.org/TMA\\_2013\\_Legislative\\_Report\\_Card/](http://www.texmed.org/TMA_2013_Legislative_Report_Card/).  
These successes prove what we can accomplish when we unite in one voice.

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