

An Introduction from Williams and Jensen

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The Academy's board of directors recently voted to retain a new lobbying firm, Williams and Jensen, to represent AAEM in Washington.

— The Editor

As your representation in Washington, we would like to serve as your resource and home-base in the nation's capital. Our goal is to help you stay informed on current legislation and regulations impacting your organization, and communicate to Congress your point of view on key issues. To that end, we will have a regular "Washington Watch" column in *Common Sense*.

Williams and Jensen is excited about the opportunity to work with AAEM. We look forward to building relationships with AAEM members and working with AAEM to implement a strategy in support of your federal policy goals.

Williams and Jensen is a top-ranked Washington lobbying firm that was established over four decades ago. Our team of principals, associates, and research staff will serve as a resource for AAEM.

In addition to our work on AAEM's federal priorities, we anticipate working with AAEM to provide advice and consulting on a range of other services, such as state activities and media strategy.

We look forward to working with AAEM's leadership to both engage the membership and strengthen your relationships with Congress.

Susan Hirschmann will lead AAEM's Williams and Jensen team. Susan will work with AAEM to develop and implement congressional strategy and will provide advice on press and media outreach.

Karina Lynch will be an integral part of AAEM's outreach to federal agencies and the Senate. Karina has expertise on a wide range of health care issues, including Medicare and Medicaid policy and Oversight and Investigations.

Jenny DiJames works on a range of issues, including appropriations and health care policy. She works with key agencies such as CMS.

Christopher Hatcher leads the tax practice at Williams and Jensen. He will work with AAEM on issues pertaining to the SGR, other end of year extenders, and related tax items.

George Olsen has been involved in federal healthcare policy for over three decades. He has worked with key House and Senate members and committees on a broad range of healthcare issues.

Matthew Hoekstra leads Williams and Jensen research and will report on Congressional hearings for AAEM. He will also help coordinate communication between the Firm and AAEM.

Erin Book will communicate with key members of Congress and their staffs to gather intelligence on upcoming health care issues of concern to AAEM. She will also work with House leadership on AAEM priorities. ■

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