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## NEW MEMBERSHIP DUES PRICING

Effective September 1, 2021

For 240 years, the Massachusetts Medical Society (MMS) has served as the body representing the medical profession in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Today, the MMS remains the largest physician-led organization in Massachusetts, advocating for physicians and the well-being of their patients.

In September, the MMS will raise its dues as part of the 2022 membership renewal cycle. This increase represents the first membership dues increase in 35 years and reflects the Society's need to maintain its ability to effectively advocate for and serve its 25,000+ members and the millions of patients they care for.

### Frequently Asked Questions

**Q: How much will dues increase?**

**A:** Regular state membership dues for an individual physician member will increase by only \$50 to \$350 (the national median for state medical society membership dues is over \$480). For detailed information about dues prices of other membership categories, please visit [massmed.org/dues](https://massmed.org/dues).

**Q: Why are the fees increasing?**

**A:** The MMS has not raised dues in 35 years. The increase is necessary to support the Society's ongoing work advocating for its members and to support the organization's daily operations.

**Q: When will this increase take effect?**

**A:** The new membership fees will take effect September 1, 2021 (for the 2022 membership year) for all renewing and new members.

**Q: Is the MMS still a good value?**

**A:** Absolutely! The Society's benefits and services translate into over \$1,000 in value. We will continue to offer and support the same event programming, lobbying and advocacy efforts, quality CME, access to the *New England Journal of Medicine* and *NEJM Journal Watch Online*, practice management support, and scholarship support for medical students, as well as a host of other activities and resources.

**Q: Will MMS membership dues continue to increase?**

**A:** While no decision about future dues price increases has been made, the Society continues to experience rising costs for its operations. Future recommendations about membership dues prices will continue to be made after careful consideration and review by the Committee on Membership, the Committee on Finance, the MMS Board of Trustees, and the House of Delegates.

**Q: Can I renew early at the 2021 rates?**

**A:** Unfortunately, we cannot offer any early-bird incentives. You may wish to consider a multiyear membership, which provides a discount of up to 30%.