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## WHAT IS DOCS 4 PATIENT CARE

Docs 4 Patient Care (D4PC, [www.docs4patientcare.org](http://www.docs4patientcare.org)) is a national physician advocacy group which was launched in the spring of 2009 in Atlanta, Georgia, by Hal C. Scherz MD of Georgia Urology.

Originally conceived to oppose the passage of the Affordable Care Act, the doctor members of D4PC dedicated their efforts toward educating their patients and the public about the dangers of government-controlled health care and the destruction of the doctor-patient relationship. In a short period of time, hundreds of doctors joined with us and it became clear that D4PC needed to be more than a single issue organization.

Docs 4 Patient Care believes that there is a lack of representation and true leadership for the more than 900,000 doctors in America, most of whom are engaged daily in patient care.

Groups like the AMA claim to be the true voice of doctors, but have proven that they are more interested in protecting their organizational self interest than watching out for American health care. They had a chance to stop the Affordable Care Act from passing but instead chose to preserve their income stream by supporting this act at the expense of America's patients and the doctors that take care of them.

Docs 4 Patient Care is dedicated to:

- becoming the true voice for doctors in America
- preserving the doctor-patient relationship
- looking out for the best interests of all of our patients, not just some of them.
- working towards overturning the ACA and participating in the development of reasonable alternatives

Docs 4 Patient Care is registered with the IRS as a 501c6 corporation. It is a membership organization which MDs and DOs may join. We have an auxiliary, the Docs 4 Patient Care Alliance, which is a support group for the parent organization. People of every walk of life, including other health care professionals are encouraged to contribute to Docs 4 Patient Care through the Alliance and sign up for internet newsletters to stay informed about health care matters.

Docs 4 Patient Care has partnered with policy experts, legislators, and media to create a narrative designed to accomplish our stated goals.

Our members have appeared on over 250 syndicated radio shows and cable and network TV shows to deliver our message.

We have authored dozens of opinion pieces which have appeared in prestigious newspapers such as the *Wall Street Journal* and the *Washington Times*, and online on sites such as *Fox News*, *Human Events*, *Real Clear Politics*, and *American Thinker*.

Docs 4 Patient Care is the only doctor group asked to file an amicus brief in support of the 26 state lawsuit against the federal government over the individual mandate, currently on track to be heard before the US Supreme Court in 2012.

The President and Founder of D4PC, Hal Scherz MD, was awarded the prestigious Salvatori Award in 2011 by the Heritage Foundation for citizenship in recognition of his establishment of Docs 4 Patient Care.

We have already established chapters in many states and our intent is to have a chapter in all 50 states. The purpose of state chapters is to assist national, state, and local elected officials in health care matters, to be instrumental in the electoral process at all levels, and to educate our colleagues and the public.

Our website is already recognized as one of the premier sites for reliable health care information and is a trusted resource for health care legislative aides on Capitol Hill. The state chapters are also instrumental in the electoral process.

The list of our strategic partners is impressive and includes the Heritage Foundation, the Galen Institute, the Pacific Research Institute, Defend Your Health, the Center for Health Transformation, the Benjamin Rush Society, and the Steamboat Institute.

Most importantly, we are doctors who take care of patients every day and want to continue to do so without the government in the examination room. The organization is funded entirely by the money that we raise through membership. Our leaders have devoted hundreds and thousands of hours in developing this organization, without any financial remuneration. In fact, they have donated thousands of dollars of their own money to develop and support Docs 4 Patient Care.

Docs 4 Patient Care is a non-partisan organization. Our platform is based on free market principles and personal responsibility, putting the patient in charge of their own health care decisions and getting third parties out of the delivery of and payment for health care services. We support political candidates who espouse these positions. But as doctors, we are always keeping the patients' interests in mind, never forget that we don't take care of Democrats or Republicans; we take care of patients.

