

look at specific candidates for FamMedPAC, we will find that many of them will fall under several of these headings.

Although a particular candidate may be eligible for a certain contribution amount, it is important to remember that the candidate will not necessarily receive the full amount for which he or she is eligible. A significant change in the legislative/political climate may dictate that we reach as many candidates as possible (rather than a targeted focus on candidates on a particular committee). Ongoing assessments will enable us to determine which overall approach is most compatible with AAFP's legislative and regulatory agenda.

“Friendly Incumbent” Policy

FamMedPAC will follow the “friendly incumbent” policy for contributions. This policy means that FamMedPAC will not contribute campaign funds to a candidate running against an incumbent determined to be friendly, or supportive, to AAFP.

In the event a current member of AAFP is running for office against a friendly incumbent, the FamMedPAC Board of Directors will review those races on a case-by-case basis and determine whether or not FamMedPAC will support that challenger.

In an “open seat” situation, where neither candidate is an incumbent, each candidate will be asked to fill out a Candidate Questionnaire. This will enable FamMedPAC to determine if the candidates' positions on important healthcare issues are consistent with AAFP policy. The Questionnaire will also help FamMedPAC determine the level of possible support.

In both situations described above, input from the state chapters and local AAFP members will be sought.

Contribution Strategy

FamMedPAC will direct its contributions to those candidates (primarily sitting Senators and Representatives) who serve on key committees and subcommittees, who hold positions of leadership, or who have supported AAFP's key legislative priorities through bill cosponsorship or votes in favor of AAFP-supported legislation. Priority should be given to supporting events for those candidates who hold healthcare-specific meetings and fundraisers. These events allow the candidates to focus solely on healthcare issues and to hear AAFP's specific concerns and priorities in the current Congress.

FamMedPAC will also target contributions to Senators and Representatives who represent the states and congressional districts of AAFP Board of Directors, members of the FamMedPAC Board of Directors, and members of the Commission of Governmental Advocacy. This strategy will enhance the contacts between these AAFP leaders and their federal legislators.

Committee Assignment

FamMedPAC contributions will be directed to those candidates who serve on committees with jurisdiction over healthcare issues. The committees can be designated as either a “key” committee (a committee with primary jurisdiction over healthcare issues), or a “secondary” committee (a committee with jurisdiction over some aspects of healthcare legislation). Candidates serving on Key committees would be eligible for larger contributions.

Key committees in the House are:

- Ways and Means
- Energy and Commerce
- Appropriations