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## Federal Liability Protections for Disaster Volunteers Reintroduced

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### ***Good Samaritan Bill Reintroduced in U.S. Senate***

Last week, Senators Bill Cassidy, MD (R-LA) and Angus King, Jr. (I-ME) introduced [S.1350](#), the Good Samaritan Health Professionals Act of 2019. The legislation would [provide](#) limited medical liability protections for medical volunteers who respond to federally declared disasters.

The bill is virtually identical to [legislation](#) that was approved by the House Energy and Commerce Committee last year following extensive negotiations with committee Democrats and the American Association of Justice (formerly known as the American Trial Lawyers Association). The MPL Association, which represents medical liability insurers, and other proponents of the bill will continue to build bipartisan support in Congress and plan to reach out to key committee members in the Senate to pave a path forward for the bill.



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Patients and families often come to the medical encounter with preferences – *and sometimes demands* – regarding medications,

tests, referrals and other procedures that they need or want.

If patients do not believe that the medical team's alternative to their own preference is an effective and safe option, the likelihood of dissatisfaction, conflict and nonadherence climbs quickly.

It's no surprise, then, that these interactions **can help pave the way toward a professional liability lawsuit**, particularly in the face of a disappointing outcome.

Attend ISMIE's live seminar, [Beyond the Basics: Advanced Communications for Physicians and Other Clinicians](#) on **June 18 from 9 a.m. to noon in Chicago**. The seminar will cover how to reach a mutually agreed-upon treatment plan when fielding potentially contentious patient requests.

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