



# The Maryland Psychiatric Society: Working Hard To Serve Our Members



## 2015-2016 MPS Initiatives

During the 2016 Maryland General Assembly, MPS members **met with over 20 key legislators** during Advocacy Days. Of 60 bills reviewed, testimony and written positions were given on 19 that directly affected psychiatry. Some major successes include:

- ◆ Law prohibiting the Board of Physicians from mandating specific CME as a condition to renewal of a license.
- ◆ Law requiring carriers to maintain updated and adequate Provider Networks.
- ◆ Law requiring DHMH to adopt regulations that ensure Medicaid is in compliance with the Parity Act of 2008.

Launched **Find A Psychiatrist**, which includes **195 members** whose phone number can be found online using this search tool.

Coordinated funding and development of an **Amicus Brief** filed in the Maryland Court of Appeals for *Allmond v. DHMH*, which challenges the current statute for medication panels for psychiatric inpatients.

**MOC training** and symposia on addictions (with mandated **opioid prescribing CME**) and **LGBT mental health**.

Promoted **parity awareness and enforcement** with a Maryland-specific poster explaining patient rights and how to complain.

**Launched new features on the MPS website** that allows members to pay their bill online, update practice information and more.

### Distributed practice information:

- ◆ CDS license renewals and medical license renewal changes (including opioid prescribing CME mandate)
- ◆ Maryland Prescription Drug Monitoring Program updates
- ◆ New Maryland Preauthorization Requirements
- ◆ Risk management tips addressing Online Marketing, HIPAA Lessons, and Terminating Treatment
- ◆ Medicare & Medicaid rates, enrollment, opting out, feedback reports, Rx requirements, EHRs, PQRS and PDLs
- ◆ Confidentiality and Privilege in Maryland
- ◆ ICD-10 transition resources
- ◆ New practice guidelines
- ◆ Clozapine REMS Program

**MPS Paper of the Year Award** given to the best submission by **Asheena Keith, M.D.**

Engaged and supported residents and early career psychiatrists with a **networking** event and lunches.

A record number of members (**30 advanced to Fellow** status, and Joseph Liberto, M.D. & Jennifer Palmer, M.D. were named Distinguished Fellows. The MPS had the second best member retention rate nationally.

Honored **Irvin Cohen, M.D.** with the 2016 MPS **Lifetime of Service Award**.

## Member Benefits

- ◆ Strong **representation** in Maryland General Assembly, with state regulators, and within the mental health community.
- ◆ **Reduced rates** for excellent CME programs.
- ◆ Networking and peer support through the **member listserv**, committees and meetings.
- ◆ **Patient referral service** matched callers 890 times with member practices based on patient preferences.
- ◆ Subscription to monthly **MPS News**, which includes positions and office space available.
- ◆ Listing in and free copy of the annual MPS **Membership Directory**.
- ◆ Subscription to **The Maryland Psychiatrist**, the journal of psychiatry in our state.
- ◆ A place to turn for **solutions to problems** regarding insurance, billing, malpractice, legal needs, etc.
- ◆ Reduced rates for **ads** in *MPS News* and the annual directory.