



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.