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**The MPS Council
will meet via Zoom on
September 8 at 7:30 PM.
All members welcome!**

President's Column

Psychiatry Through the Social Media Lens

I'll admit, deciding what to write this month was a difficult decision. I knew what I wanted to write about, but the question was which part to talk about. As most of us know by now, there has been a very public case about the insanity defense playing out in Massachusetts. Along with the defendant, I feel as if psychiatry and the provision of mental health services have been on trial and intensely scrutinized. Commentaries discussing the day's trial events are uploaded daily, sometimes almost hourly, to social media platforms. These reviews are being presented by criminal and civil defense attorneys, psychiatrists and other mental health professionals, advocates, and the general lay person as well. Such information presented creates an overwhelming mix of thoughts and feelings.

The conditions we treat are impacted by culture and relationships, economics, technology and the communities in which people reside. Today, online communities are a major influence. Social media platforms have changed how we all communicate, learn information, form opinions, and understand ourselves. Everyday people are posting on various social media platforms about their current emotional health, such as psychiatric symptoms, diagnoses and treatments. Individuals are sharing information but also seeking advice on these platforms. This current exchange of information has presented opportunities for broader education about topics such as postpartum depression or psychosis, how medication and psychotherapies work, and

how to connect with others who suffer with a mental illness in addition to connection with local or national support organizations. But this also has created challenges related to the spread of misinformation about treatments' effectiveness and side effects, the oversimplification of mental illness and dangerousness, and the sensationalism of what psychiatrists can or cannot do legally, ethically, and professionally.

We as psychiatrists have an opportunity to become visible stakeholders in shaping discussions about mental health. We should not defer this solely to algorithms, social media influencers, and people without appropriate clinical expertise. We need to get involved and determine how we want to educate and support those suffering with mental illness and their loved ones who provide support. When someone has asked me about my takes on the trial, I typically reply that what we've been provided on social media is only a part of what the witnesses and legal stakeholders have access to and/or it is the result of an interpretation of what we are allowed to see through the lens of the criminal justice system. Depending upon the nature and setting of the interaction, I've taken the chance to explain what diagnoses are or are not, how decisions about medications are made, and how individuals' cultural beliefs interplay. I remain cognizant of my personal responsibilities and professional obligations. I am mindful of boundaries and confidentiality, as well as the limitations of what information to provide. On social media platforms, such nuanced conversations can be challenging for several reasons. Efforts to reach large groups of

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people with carefully reasoned information presented compete with brief videos (e.g. 1-5 minute) diagnosing the viewer with a mental illness. Even a good screener tool can't adequately do this. But we should not dismiss or ignore the major influence of social media. We can inquire from our patients how they are using social media to understand their illness, thereby gaining additional insights into their views and reducing the competition of social media with our clinical expertise.

I continue to use social media apps almost daily. It can't be avoided now. I use it to get updates on major news stories, follow up on educational events, discover local cultural events, and of course for some general socializing. In my interactions, I am mindful of my responsibilities as a physician while balancing that with being my authentic self. I aim to use social media wisely.

*Tyler Hightower, M.D., MPH
MPS President*

Ikwunga Wonodi Award Application Now Open!

The [Ikwunga Wonodi Social Justice and Health Equity in Psychiatry Award](#) is now open for application submissions. The Wonodi Award honors a Resident, Fellow, or Early-Career Psychiatrist who has demonstrated distinction in advocating for human rights and equity in psychiatric care for people with severe mental illness from historically marginalized and underserved communities through teaching, research, clinical work, and/or public health advocacy. For more information on the award and application guidelines, [click here](#) or [visit the MPS website](#). The deadline to apply is December 14, 2026. A winner will be announced prior to the Annual Meeting in April 2027. Any questions can be directed to jhritz@mdpsych.org.

MPS Membership Directory

Thank you to members who updated their practice information! The annual MPS directory is going to print, and we expect copies to arrive in members' mailboxes this month. The directory contains information on all MPS members, including a referral index, while the online [Find a Psychiatrist](#) lists only members who have opted in. Members can also access an online member directory after [logging in](#) via their MPS member account. Members can update their profiles via the same account. For assistance, please email mgs@mdpsych.org.

Literature Review Group for Residents and Fellows

The MPS Community Psychiatry & Diversity Coalition is creating a small group of Residents and Fellows to work with mentors on a literature review regarding the mental health challenges of elderly immigrants in the United States. Residents and Fellows who are interested in participating can contact jhritz@mdpsych.org.

Abstract Draft Excerpt:

While immigration to the US offers unique opportunities to elderly immigrants such as safety, family support and financial stability, they face numerous challenges too such as language barriers, loneliness, loss of independence and dependency on family members, role changes, cognitive decline and difficulty accessing medical services.

We propose to conduct a review of literature to determine mental health challenges in elderly immigrants and the role of aging, cultural transition, and changing family roles.

Attention Graduating Residents

Congratulations! As you prepare to move on from your residency training program, please complete the [APA membership advancement form](#). This lets us know if you are continuing in a fellowship or advancing to practice. As a General Member, you can access additional benefits, including [resources](#) for early career psychiatrists. Your MPS dues will remain the same! The [form](#) takes less than 5 minutes to complete.

Support for Medical Students

The MPS offers a free category of membership for medical students to help them learn more about psychiatry and connect to potential mentors. This includes access to MPS communications, interest groups, committees, and listserv. MPS membership is an invaluable opportunity for students looking to enter psychiatry. Email mfloyd@mdpsych.org to volunteer to serve as a resource to medical students.

Are you a General Member? Become an APA Fellow!

Are you ready to take the next step in your career? Fellows of the APA (FAPA) are part of a select group dedicated to shaping the role of psychiatry in our healthcare system. Fellow status is an honor that enhances professional credentials and reflects dedication to the psychiatric profession. Dues rates stay the same. **The deadline is September 1.** Visit the [APA website](#) for more details and instructions for how to apply.

Member Shoutout

Russel Margolis, M.D. was recently awarded an R01 grant from the National Institute of Mental Health, for \$4 million over five years, to study circulation in the brain across the lifespan in schizophrenia. Kudos on this important work!

Member Publications

Karen L. Swartz, M.D. co-authored a paper published in *Frontiers in Psychiatry* titled "[Psychiatric hospitalization as a site of stigma reduction: a prospective cohort study from a specialty mood disorders unit.](#)" The paper examines how patients' views and attitudes toward psychiatric hospitalization change after experiencing inpatient treatment.

Angela Guarda, M.D. senior-authored a paper led by **Elizabeth Olson, M.D.** titled "[Resisting Contagious Hopelessness: Therapeutic Alliance and the Limits of Physician-Assisted Death in Severe and Enduring Anorexia Nervosa](#)" The paper argues that clinician framing and prognostic stance function as treatment variables that may transmit either hope or hopelessness.

MPS Membership

The following individuals have applied for membership Unless any current members have evidence that an applicant does not meet the criteria for ethical and professional standards, these actions will be approved 14 days after publication.

New Resident-Fellow Member

Daniel Biery, M.D.
Matthew Hamers, M.D.
Mark Lichtenstein, D.O.
Marian Taiwo, M.D.
Mohamad Wehbi, M.D.
Brittany Woody, D.O.

Transfers

Katherine Ammon, M.D.
Katherine Bui, D.O.
Bhumika Shah, M.D.
Kenneth Wee, D.O.
Sai Shouri Vedati, M.D.

Reinstatement

Derek Mason, M.D.
Sandeep Sidana, M.D.

Member Spotlight Submissions

Recently published a paper, worked on an exciting research project, were featured in a news article or in the media?

We want to share your accomplishments with our membership! Email jhriz@mdpsych.org with any recent achievements and we will share your responses on social media and in our newsletter.

National Suicide Prevention Month

September is National Suicide Prevention Month. All month, mental health advocates, prevention organizations, survivors, allies, and community members unite to promote suicide prevention awareness. **World Suicide Prevention Day is September 10.** It's a time to remember those affected by suicide, to raise awareness, and to focus efforts on directing treatment to those who need it most. Visit [988 Suicide Crisis and Lifeline](#) for resources to share and to help spread information about actions that can be taken to prevent suicide.

National Recovery Month Events and Observances:

- September 10 – [World Suicide Prevention Day](#)
- September 6-12 – National Suicide Prevention Week
- September 20 – [National Addiction Professionals Day](#)
- September 30 – [International Recovery Day](#)

[Use this Toolkit](#) to share what SAMHSA is doing to support people in recovery. [Click here](#) for resources from NAMI.

National Physician Suicide Awareness Day

September 17th is the sixth annual National Physician Suicide Awareness Day which is a day to commemorate colleagues lost to suicide and to raise awareness about the issue internally and externally by shedding a light on it. The goal is to lessen the stigma for physicians and all other clinicians to speak about their struggles either privately or openly - and seek help. [Click here](#) for more information and resources to share with others and on social media.

Early-Career Psychiatrist WhatsApp

The MPS ECP WhatsApp Group is a way for members who are within 7 years of completing their training to communicate and collaborate with each other. This group is similar to our MPS Listserv but dedicated to *only* our ECP members.

[Fill out this form to join](#) and, once approved, we will send an invite link for access to the group.

Southern Psychiatric Association & Maryland Psychiatric Society Present:

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SCHEDULE:

WEDNESDAY, September 16

6:00–7:00PM • Welcome Reception

Join us Wednesday evening for our welcome reception on the Royal Sonesta terrace (weather permitting). Enjoy light bites, drinks and a relaxing evening mingling with colleagues.

THURSDAY, September 17

12:00–5:00PM • CME Sessions

6:30–8:30PM • Social Event at Little Havana

Join us for dinner and networking at Little Havana, a local Cuban restaurant located on the harbor. Submissions for the Resident–Fellow and Medical Student Poster Contest will also be on display and judged during the event.

FRIDAY, September 18

7:00AM–3:30PM • CME Sessions

Spend a free night off exploring the city of Baltimore. Catch an Orioles game at Camden Yards, visit the National Aquarium, or make your way across the harbor for dinner in Little Italy or Fells Point.

SATURDAY, September 19

7:00AM–2:00PM • Sessions

6:30PM–9:00PM • Farewell Dinner Gala

The Farewell Dinner Gala will take place in the Royal Sonesta ballroom with beautiful views of the harbor as we spend our final evening together socializing and dancing.

**13 CME CREDITS
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[ONLINE CONFERENCE REGISTRATION](#)



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For more information, please contact

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Accreditation and Designation Statement

In support of improving patient care, this activity has been planned and implemented by American Psychiatric Association (APA) and The Maryland Psychiatric Society (MPS). APA is jointly accredited by the American Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME), the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE), and the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC), to provide continuing education for the healthcare team.

The APA designates this live activity for a maximum of 13 AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

Maryland News

Maryland Physician License Renewal Reminder A-L

The biennial license renewal period began on July 15, 2026, and end at 11:59 pm (EST) on September 30, 2026, for all physicians whose **last name begins with the letter A-L** and whose license expires on September 30, 2026.

Implicit Bias/Structural Racism law effective April 1, 2026. Click [Implicit Bias and Structural Racism Training Required](#) to learn more.

Medical Liability Insurance

There will be a yes/no question on the renewal about whether a physician maintains medical liability insurance. The answer will be posted on the Practitioner Profiles. Practitioners can also edit their yes/no question within their profile.

Physicians must use the following Board-supplied forms to comply with the new law's requirements:

- [Notice to Individual Patients](#)
- [Notice to All Patients](#)
- [Informed Consent to the Patient](#)

Registration Deadline - Practitioners who prescribe CDS must be registered with the PDMP to obtain a new or renewal CDS license. For more information, click [PDMP Registration FAQs](#) or visit the [PDMP/Crisp Registration](#) website.

At a minimum, you will need the following information to complete the online renewal application:

- Medical License Number
- National Provider Identifier (NPI) number, if available. (Individual and/or Organizational). To search for your NPI, go to [NPI Public Registry Search](#)
- Workman's Compensation carrier name, policy number, and expiration date--only if you employ one or more individuals in your practice
- General office information (address, email addresses, telephone and fax numbers)
- Access to a printer to print a copy of your completed renewal application, your receipt of payment, and to print a copy of your downloaded license.

Vital Statistics Administration Quarterly Report

The MDH Vital Statistics Administration (VSA) has released its preliminary Q1 2026 Report on Unintentional Drug- and Alcohol-Related Intoxication Deaths. We urge all stakeholders and partners to review the [full report](#) and utilize the data for critical public health planning and resource deployment. View the [summary with key messages](#).

MDH Launches AOT Program

Last month The Maryland Department of Health announced the launch of the [state's Assisted Outpatient Treatment program](#). Established by [state legislation](#), the program currently operates in Anne Arundel County, Baltimore City, and the Eastern Shore, with plans for full statewide implementation in July 2027. The Department will kick off a multimedia public awareness campaign this month across the initial phase regions to connect with critical stakeholders, such as law enforcement, mental health facilities, case management, and care coordination. The Assisted Outpatient Treatment program follows over one year of thorough preparation, stakeholder collaboration, and workforce training carried out alongside the Maryland Judiciary, local behavioral health authorities, and community partners. Looking ahead, the Department's priorities will center on tracking participant results and program operations, delivering technical support to teams, and planning for upcoming expansions. For more information about the Assisted Outpatient Treatment program, including access to educational resources, visit health.maryland.gov/TryAOT.

State of Behavioral Health in Maryland

What is the current state of behavioral health in Maryland and what should individuals, families, advocates, and communities know about the work happening across our state? NAMI Maryland invites you to join us for [Maryland's Behavioral Health Administration: The State of Behavioral Health in Maryland](#), a special virtual presentation featuring leaders in Maryland's behavioral health system. This timely conversation will provide an opportunity to hear about the behavioral health landscape in Maryland and gain valuable insight into the issues, priorities, and work shaping behavioral health services across the state.

Featured Presenters

Dr. Rachel Talley
Chief Medical Officer, Maryland Behavioral Health Administration
Laura Torres, LCSW-C
Licensed Clinical Social Worker

Event Details

Wednesday, September 9, 2026
3:00 PM – 4:00 PM
Virtual Event

Whether you are an individual with lived experience, family member, mental health professional, advocate, community partner, or simply interested in learning more about behavioral health in Maryland, we encourage you to join us for this informative discussion.

Space is virtual, but your participation matters. [Register today](#) and be part of the conversation about the present and future of behavioral health in Maryland.

Maryland News

Reviews for Providers Pending Maryland Medicaid Enrollment

Last month, the Maryland Department of Health (MDH) Medicaid Administration released a memo to behavioral health providers who are not enrolled with Maryland Medicaid and unable to enroll due to the application hold effective between July and October 2026.

During the Medicaid enrollment freeze, providers who are not yet fully enrolled may submit authorization requests while their [MPRIME](#) applications are pending. Please note:

- **Temporary Registration Process:** Newly enrolling providers impacted by the application hold must first complete and submit the [Temporary Process to Register Provider NPI with Carelon for BH Providers During the MPRIME Transition](#) form.
- **Vendor IDs:** Providers will receive a temporary vendor ID for authorizations while credentialing is pending. Once Medicaid enrollment is complete and a Medicaid ID is issued, Carelon will void the temporary vendor ID and replace it with a permanent vendor ID.
- **ProviderConnect Registration:** Providers must register for [ProviderConnect](#) using their Carelon ID. For help obtaining login credentials, call the Customer Service EDI team at [1-800-888-1965](#) and press 1 for English, 3 for Provider, and 7 for EDI.
- **Authorizations and Claims:** While in Pending status, providers may submit authorization requests only. Claims submitted before Medicaid enrollment is complete will be denied and must be resubmitted once the provider is fully enrolled.

To read the full memo, please select [this link](#).

Medical Necessity & Emergency Appeals Hotline

Has your patient been denied insurance coverage for medically necessary care or emergency appeals? Call the Maryland Insurance Admiration Appeals 24/7 Hotline at 1-800-492-6116. Patients have the right to appeal against denial decisions. Maryland law gives Maryland consumers the right to appeal a decision that denies you coverage for medically necessary treatment. If a health care provider has determined that certain medical treatment is needed, but the patient HMO or health insurer does not agree, this law allows you to appeal. Under the appeals and grievances law, the Maryland Insurance Commissioner has the authority to overturn a health plan's decision if treatment is determined to be medically necessary.

Updated MPRIME Maryland Medicaid Resources

Effective immediately, the previous ePREP enrollment website and resource links have been replaced with new URLs. Providers should begin using the new webpages for all provider enrollment information, guidance, and MPRIME-related resources.

The updated webpages are available at the following locations:

- [Provider Enrollment Page](#)
- [MPRIME Resources Page](#)
- [Provider Enrollment Requirements](#)

The new webpages will serve as Maryland Medicaid's primary source for provider enrollment information throughout the MPRIME transition and beyond. Providers are encouraged to bookmark these pages, as they will be updated regularly with important announcements, implementation guidance, training materials, user guides, frequently asked questions, and other resources to support the transition from ePREP to MPRIME.

HOPE Act Rate Study Provider Resources

The Maryland Department of Health (MDH) is sharing additional resources to support providers participating in the [Behavioral Health Rate Study required by the Heroin and Opioid Prevention Effort \(HOPE\) and Treatment Act of 2017](#).

Myers & Stauffer, MDH's rate-setting contractor, has a new [provider resource page](#). The page is the central location for rate study materials, including the cost and information survey, survey instructions, training materials, and the newly developed [Behavioral Health Rate Study Provider FAQ](#). The FAQ addresses common questions regarding participation, confidentiality, the submission deadline, reporting for multiple sites or provider numbers, and service-specific survey questions.

Questions

- For questions about the survey or data collection process, contact: MDBHACostSurvey@mslc.com.
- For questions about the Behavioral Health Rate Methodology Modernization Workgroup, contact: andre.chappel@maryland.gov.

Maryland News

Survey Shows Positive Trends in Adolescent Well-Being

The most recent data from the Maryland Department of Health's [Maryland Youth Risk Behavior Survey and Youth Tobacco Survey \(YRBS/YTS\)](#) offer a snapshot of the changing health situation among middle- and high-school students across the state. The 2024-2025 findings highlight the success of state-led health initiatives, shown by decreased student substance use and fewer reports of persistent sadness. The survey results also emphasize the need to strengthen support systems for youth affected by violence and bullying, as well as to expand digital wellness programs.

- High school e-cigarette use dropped by nearly 45% since 2018. Still, students reported a slight uptick in smokeless tobacco use in middle and high school.
- According to the data, fewer students in Maryland middle and high schools reported using cannabis. Still, the data also reveals an opportunity for ongoing education, as a notable segment of the youth population remains unaware of the risks cannabis poses to their health.
- The latest data also reveals a positive trend in student mental health resilience following the disruptions of the COVID-19 pandemic. However, the percentages of Maryland students experiencing persistent feelings of sadness or hopelessness remain high, with 31.7% in high schools and 31.9% in middle schools. While the decrease from 39.2% and 36.8% reported in 2021-2022 is encouraging, it underscores that there is still significant work to be done to reach youth through targeted education and prevention initiatives and to help ensure that more students can access the services needed to move toward recovery and improved mental health.
- As a new measure in the 2024-2025 survey, students were asked about social media use. According to the [2023 U.S. Surgeon General's Advisory on Social Media and Youth Mental Health](#), children and adolescents who spend more than three hours a day on social media face double the risk of mental health problems, including symptoms of anxiety and depression. The majority of Maryland middle- and high-school students reported engaging with social media multiple times a day.
- The rise in reported bullying and dating violence, particularly among LGBTQ+ youth, highlights a profound need for targeted intervention. In addition to current prevention programs, Maryland's [Behavior Intervention Series](#) is a vital component of a broader narrative focused on building school communities where every student feels safe, respected, and supported.

More information on Maryland youth health experiences is available on the Department's [website](#) and the Maryland Data and Analytics Tool ([MDAT](#)).

Maryland Overdose Prevention Team Program Inventory Update

Maryland's Office of Overdose Response is pleased to share the latest update to our [Overdose Prevention Team](#) (OPT) Program Inventory. The program inventory tracks the implementation of programs related to substance use and overdose across Maryland's 24 local jurisdictions. It is now current through the second calendar quarter of 2026. You can find a copy of the program inventory attached to this email and on our website, StopOverdose.maryland.gov/Resources.

Lemons to Lemonade

On **Tuesday September 8, 2026, at 6:00pm EDT** the Maryland Physician Health Program (MPHP) is excited to welcome back Greg Hobelmann, MD, MPH, Co-CEO Ashley Addiction Treatment, who will present *Substance Use Disorder: Evidence-Based Treatment Modalities and the 12 Steps*. Join us as Dr. Hobelmann defines SUD, looks at levels of care, discusses evidence-based treatment and how the 12 steps can be viewed as therapy.

[Register here](#) for this **VIRTUAL** event.

Join the MPS Listserv

MPS members are encouraged to join the listserv to easily share information with colleagues. An email message sent to the listserv goes to all members who have joined. Posts can be questions, information, thought-provoking articles and more. To join the listserv, please email mps@mdpsych.org. The listserv is open to members only so you will have to wait for membership approval and will be notified by email.



APA News & Information

New Medicaid Resource Available

APA has developed a new one-page resource, "*Medicaid* to support engagement as states prepare to implement the new federal Medicaid community engagement requirements by January 1, 2027. Because states will have significant discretion in areas such as verification, documentation, notices, and operational procedures, there is an important opportunity to help shape implementation in ways that are clinically appropriate, administratively workable, and protective of access to care for individuals with mental health conditions and substance use disorders. The [resource](#) highlights practical ways members and district branches can engage with state Medicaid agencies and other stakeholders, including recommendations related to exemptions and exclusions, medically frail determinations, provider documentation, and self-attestation.

Join APA's Federal Advocacy Conference

APA's 2026 Federal Advocacy Conference is a unique opportunity for APA members to learn more about the state legislative process and skills to effectively advocate on key issues that affect psychiatry and our patients. This conference is designed to help members work with their District Branches to build a diverse and varied psychiatrist advocacy network. The conference focuses on developing effective legislative strategies, engaging members in advocacy, and connecting with state legislators about the many challenges facing psychiatry and mental health at the state level. Attendees will gain skills to help equip you to engage lawmakers on legislation impacting state mental health care policies. The in person conference will be held at the Renaissance Arlington Capital View Hotel, Arlington, VA.

Meeting registration for the conference will open at noon on Sunday, November 15 and run until 5:00 p.m. The first session of the conference will begin at 3:00 p.m. Sessions will conclude by 3:00 p.m. on Monday, November 16. [Click here for more information, or to register.](#)

FREE APA Course of the Month

Each month, APA members have free access to an on-demand CME course on a popular topic. [Click here to access the Course of the Month and sign up for updates about this free member benefit.](#)

Inaugural Women's Leadership Institute

Registration is now open for the APA Women's Leadership Institute: Shaping the Future of Leadership in Medicine, taking place **October 8–9, 2026 at APA Headquarters in Washington, DC.**

This new leadership experience will bring together women physicians across career stages for meaningful conversations, practical leadership development, executive coaching, mentorship, networking, and insights from nationally recognized leaders. Come connect, learn, and leave with new tools and relationships to support the next stage of your leadership journey. Space is limited to 50 in-person attendees, with a virtual option available for those unable to join us in Washington, DC. **Register today:** Psychiatry.org - [APA Women's Leadership Institute](#)

Medicare Updates

Prior Authorization Code Lookup Tool

Need a way to identify which services require a wasteful and inappropriate service reduction (WISer) prior authorization. Utilize the [Prior Authorization Code Lookup Tool](#) located on the Novitas website.

CMS Launches Toolkit to Protect Children with Autism

Children with autism deserve care that is individualized, effective, and free from fraud and financial exploitation. To help states meet that standard, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) [released the State Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Program \(CHIP\) Applied Behavior Analysis \(ABA\) Toolkit](#), a comprehensive resource to help state Medicaid and CHIP agencies address growing concerns about increasing expenditures, inconsistent clinical practices, and fraud schemes targeting autism services. This resource supports child-centered, evidence-based care while strengthening program integrity, protecting children from inappropriate treatment, and safeguarding Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) resources. Access the ABA toolkit [here](#).

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Curbside Conversations is a listing of MPS members with expertise in specific areas who facilitate informal chats with fellow members seeking information. These are not formal consultations but a collegial resource offered voluntarily to the MPS community. Contact information for experts is available to MPS **members only** via email to mps@mdpsych.org.

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