Chicago Medical Society (CMS) Update

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Annual Meeting: ISEPS/COS
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Medical Societies: Organized Medicine

• County: Chicago Medical Society (CMS)
• State: Illinois State Medical Society (ISMS)
• National: American Medical Association (AMA)

*Note: CMS/ISMS have joint membership

State Advocacy Efforts

I. Illinois Practice Act - Renewal
II. Scope of Practice bills
   A. Prescriptive authority for psychologists
   B. Advanced Practice Nurses (APN)
      1. Bills to eliminate collaborative agreement
   C. Licensure of direct-entry midwives
   D. Licensure of naturopaths
   E. Dentists administering vaccinations
   F. Direct access for physical therapy

Optometric Bill: SB 3109

I. Background: FDA expected to reclassify hydrocodone combination-products (e.g., Vicodin) from Schedule III to more restrictive Schedule II
II. Current bill: SB 3109
   A. Allows optometrists to prescribe Vicodin, even if FDA re-classifies to Schedule II
III. ISEPS/ISMS opposed to SB 3109
   A. No DEA reclassification yet, making the bill premature
   B. Passage of bill would essentially override FDA's judgement
IV. Opposite position
   A. Some legislators may regard SB 3109 as preserving prescriptive authority optometrists already have.

Federal Advocacy: Graduate Medical Education (GME)

1. Medicare-sponsored residency positions
   a. Capped at 94,000 positions since 1997
   b. Cost $9.5 billion (or $101,000 per position)
2. Population increases
   a. American population increased by 50 million since 1997
   b. More individuals on insurance (32,000,000+)
   c. Aging population: Americans over 65 to rise 36% over next decade

GME Shortage

3. Students
   a. Medical students: increasing supply
   b. First-year medical students (AAMC data)
      1) 2002: 16,488
      2) 2016: 21,376
4. Difficulty in obtaining residency
   a. 2013 match: 1100 new graduates did not initially match to residencies
   b. Number of American allopathic and osteopathic graduates to exceed sponsored residency position by 2017
Uncapping GME

5. Congressional proposals
   a. 3 major proposals: HR 1201, S 577, HR 1180
   b. HR1201: co-sponsor is Rep. Aaron Schock, Peoria
   c. All 3 bills increase sponsored residency positions by 15,000 (over 3 years)
   d. Emphasis on shortage areas, such as primary care
   e. Obstacles
      1) Funding ($1.5 billion)
      2) Scope of practice issues: some legislators support physician extenders

Medical Society Efforts

1. Congressional visits (CMS/ISMS)
   a) February 13, 2013
   b) July 31, 2013
   c) March 5, 2014
2. Sign-on letter
   a) Common position of medical societies and medical schools
3. Medical student campaign
   a) Suggested by Rep. Schock (R-IL)
   b) Students give unique perspective
      1) Student saddled with debt
      2) Bloomberg News, median graduating medical school debt was $170,000 in 2012)
      3) Students concerned about finding residency positions
   c) Student letter campaign

Congressional Visits - March 5, 2014

I. Attendees:
   D. Azar - Dean, UIC
   L. Brubaker - Dean, Loyola
   K. Nichols - Dean, Midwestern
   B. Gibson - Government Affairs, University of Chicago
   R. Pantin - President, Chicago Medical Society
   S. Malkin - Chairman, Illinois State Medical Society

II. Meeting:
   Senator Richard Durbin, (D-IL)
   Rep. Aaron Schock (R-IL)
   Rep. Jan Schakowsky (D-IL)
   Rep. Mike Quigley (D-IL)

   Staff: Senate Finance Committee
   Staff: House Ways and Means Committee

III. Presidential Budget

Joint Efforts: Membership

I. Membership
   A. Prerequisite for strong organization
   B. Need to represent physicians

II. Partnership for Membership Growth
   A. Discounted or free membership for period to demonstrate value
   B. Program presumes organization can demonstrate value so physicians join in subsequent years
   C. Results: CMS/ISMS Program
      1. 2013 - 20% dues - 235 physicians
      2. 2014 - 100% dues - 71+ physician (30% yield)
   D. CMS/ISMS effort today
      1. Free Membership: CMS/ISMS for 2014
      2. No obligation for 2015
      3. Can sign up with Ted Kanellakes, Executive Director