



## 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

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## 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

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## 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

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## 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. Pantan - 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

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## 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 - 236 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