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Governmental Affairs Update: February 2015

Movement on one-year delay of e-prescribing mandate

Legislation (S.2486, Hannon/A.4274, McDonald), which would enable a one-year delay in the I-STOP e-prescribing mandate, was passed by the NYS Senate and reported by the NYS Assembly Health Committee to Rules this week. The NYS Assembly can take up the bill when the Legislature returns from its break on February 25th.

Dermatologists should weigh in with their elected Assembly Members by going to the MSSNY grassroots action center at the link below.

Legislation to require 3 hours of CME course training on pain management and end of life care reported by the NYS Assembly Health Committee.

Legislation (A.355, Rosenthal) which would require physicians to take CME course training on pain management and end of life care every two years was reported by the Assembly Health Committee to the floor of the NYS Assembly. The legislation is supported by patient advocates who felt that their loved ones became addicted to opioids because of the amount of opioid medication prescribed. Board certified physicians already take more than fifty credit hours of CME every two years in order to maintain their credentials with the hospitals and HMOs with which they are affiliated and should not have to take CME coursework unrelated to their specialty.

Dermatologists should inform their elected representatives of their opposition to this proposal by going to the MSSNY grassroots action center at the link below.

Please use this link to access each of these letters.

<http://cqrcengage.com/mssny/action>

The NYSSDDS will again hold its Lobby Day in conjunction with the physician advocacy day organized by the Medical Society of the State of New York on March 4th in Albany New York. The event will take place in the Louis Swyer Theater in the Egg on the Empire Plaza beginning at 8:30AM. A jammed packed agenda is scheduled with several panels of representatives from both Chambers on Health and Insurance issues.