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President's Message, October 2017



Dear WSPS Member,

Since the last update over the summer we have had no healthcare legislation passed. It appears that Congress is having a difficult time defining priorities in a new healthcare bill. From all perspectives, a consensus is not on the horizon either especially after the underwhelming response to the Graham-Cassidy bill. ASPS's stance includes a number of challenges to the current healthcare law as well as those proposed during recent months. Despite this uncertainty, insurance products in Wisconsin appear to be consistent as fears of widespread market withdrawal has subsided at least for the time being.

On that note, a recent threat to our state's tort climate has presented yet another example that any future federal healthcare legislation needs to address tort reform on a national level. A Wisconsin appellate court's ruling that the current cap on noneconomic damages (\$750,000) is unconstitutional (*Mayo vs Wisconsin Injured Patients and Families Compensation Fund*) now presents a challenge to what is considered a stable medicolegal environment. This ruling puts the WIPFCF in peril and opens a door for frivolous litigation with unchecked settlements that at the end of the day make the practice of medicine more expensive for *everyone* in the state. There is no evidence that removing caps on such settlements improves delivery or quality of health care. [Read more.](#)

WSPS 2018 Annual Conference

Online registration is now open for the 2018 Annual conference of the Wisconsin Society of Plastic Surgeons!

WSPS Annual Conference
Friday, April 20, 2018
Marriott Milwaukee West, Waukesha

WSPS is happy to announce Doctor Daniel DeVecchio will be the 2018 conference featured presenter.

View conference details and [register online](#).

Doctor Day 2018 - Registration is Open

Whether or not you've participated in this event in the past, you won't want to miss Doctor Day 2018. Mark your calendars as it is scheduled early in the year... January 30, 2018 at the Monona Terrace Convention Center in Madison.

Wisconsin's Doctor Day has quickly become one of the largest state advocacy events for physicians in the country. Over 500 physicians and medical students representing nearly every medical specialty are expected at Doctor Day 2018.

This annual event provides physicians and medical students with an invaluable advocacy experience, but helps participants really make a difference in the legislative process.

To help with logistics including the scheduling of group legislative visits, please register in advance. [Learn more and register here](#).

Schimel, other Attorneys General, Call for Insurers to Review Opioid-Prescribing Policies

September 19, Wisconsin Health News

Attorney General Brad Schimel has joined the chief legal officers for 36 other states and territories to ask that insurers revise policies to reduce opioid prescribing.

Schimel and the other attorneys general wrote Marilyn Tavenner, the CEO of America's Health Insurance Plans, requesting that her members review payment and coverage policies to prioritize non-opioid pain management.

"We have witnessed firsthand the devastation that the opioid epidemic has wrought on our states in terms of lives lost and the costs it has imposed on our healthcare system and the broader economy," Schimel and others wrote. [Read more](#).

Hospital CEO Roundtable - Oct. 17

State health system leaders will examine what's next for health reform and what can be done to contain costs at the annual Wisconsin Health News Hospital and Health System CEO Roundtable Oct. 17 in Milwaukee. Panelists include:

- Dr. Imran Andrabi, President and CEO, ThedaCare
- George Kerwin, CEO, Bellin Health System
- Cathy Jacobson, CEO, Froedtert Health
- Bernie Sherry, Ministry Market Executive, Ascension Wisconsin

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