



*The New York County Psychiatric Society, the New York Council on Child and Adolescent Psychiatry and the New York County Medical Society
Are delighted to announce that on*

Sunday, January 29, 2017

*We will hold our annual joint panel discussion and open forum -
At the New York Academy of Medicine, 1216 Fifth Avenue, NYC (starting 9:30 a.m.).*

Please save this date and plan to join us!

**The focus:
Questions and face-to-face dialogue with our
legislators.**

- We'll be welcoming an interesting group of our lawmakers - Richard Gottfried (Chair, NYS Assembly Health Committee); Linda Rosenthal (Chair, NYS Assembly Committee on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse); Liz Krueger (Ranking Democratic member, NYS Senate Finance Committee), and a number of others.
- We foresee big changes in the ACA (Affordable Care Act), MACRA, and perhaps Medicare and Medicaid as well. What changes have we been hoping for? What is actually happening? What are the implications for New York State?
- The draft NYS budget will likely have been released, and we foresee issues relating to retail clinics, Workers Comp, medical liability, the Excess Layer program and many other areas. Which provisions should we strongly oppose, and which should we fight for?
- We see many issues with the opioid abuse crisis. How effective are new treatments? How helpful are new laws? How adequate are government funds and private insurance coverage? What should we beware of as the political landscape changes?
- We are watching big structural changes in the healthcare delivery system. Hospitals are merging, office-based practices are in jeopardy, physicians'

independent clinical judgment is under fire. What should be done?

- We continue to be concerned about New York's over-powerful health insurance industry, with its high deductibles, dwindling plan networks, lack of out-of-network coverage, and antitrust barriers that bar physicians from negotiating collectively on patients' behalf.

Come and meet the legislators – and share your views!

If you have questions, please contact Susan Tucker, 212-684-4681 (stucker@nycms.org). Ready to sign up now? Admission is \$35 for members of any of the three Societies, and \$50 for nonmembers. Residents are invited to attend free of charge. Members of MSSNY, APA and AACAP may attend at the member rates. To RSVP: Call Lisa Joseph at 212-684-4698, or e-mail ljoseph@nycms.org.

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