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PENNSYLVANIA PSYCHIATRIC SOCIETY

# News & Notes

## September 2016

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### Upcoming Events

Thursday, October 6, 2016

#### LVPPS Dinner & A Movie: *The Soloist*

5:30 pm - 9:00 pm

Penn State Lehigh Valley, Room 309

2809 Saucon Valley Road

Center Valley, PA 18034

[Register now!](#)



Tuesday, October 11, 2016

#### NEPPS Maintenance of Certification

*Presented by: Deborah Hales, MD*

5:30 pm - 6:30 pm Council Meeting

6:30 pm - 8:45 pm MOC Presentation



**IMPORTANT:** This meeting was inadvertently scheduled during Yom Kippur. The date has been changed and a notification will be sent to the membership once that date is confirmed.

Tuesday, October 25, 2016

#### CPPS Dinner & A Movie: *The Bridge*

5:30 pm - 9:00 pm

Pennsylvania Medical Society

777 East Park Drive

Harrisburg, PA 17109

[Register now!](#)

This event will offer CME credits.



**Saturday, November 5, 2016**  
**Registration is now open!**

**PaPS State Education Meeting**

8:00 am - 4:00 pm

Chubb Hotel & Conference Center

Lafayette Hill, PA



\*Simulcast at: DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel & Suites Pittsburgh Downtown.



**Important Update on Revalidation**

In the July issue of *Pennsylvania Psychiatrist* an article was published informing members that, after September 25, 2016, the PA Department of Human Services (DHS) will deny claims on all services that are ordered, referred, or prescribed for Medical Assistance beneficiaries in the Fee-for-Services (FFS) delivery system by any health care providers not enrolled in the Medicaid program. Information was provided at the [DHS website](#).

After this notice, we received numerous phone calls, specifically from those of you in private practice, questioning the need to enroll or if this would automatically turn you into MA providers. The answer is no! We have worked with DHS, the PA Medical Society, and many of our members to clarify this confusing process. Get [further clarification](#) from PaPS Executive Director Deb Shoemaker.

**September is National Suicide Prevention Month**



On Sept. 8, 2016, Congressman Tim Murphy (R-PA) and Congressman Earl Blumenauer (D-OR) introduced a [bipartisan resolution](#) to recognize September as National Suicide Prevention Month. Primarily, H. Res. 850 seeks to spread awareness and recognize suicide as a preventable and national public health crisis and to promote awareness about mental health, because **where there is help, there**

**is hope.**

[Read more](#) on this topic from Congressman Murphy's weekly e-news.

## Physicians' Health Program – Helping Finance a Physician Education

The Foundation of the Pennsylvania Medical Society, a nonprofit affiliate of PAMED, sustains the future of medicine in Pennsylvania by providing programs that support medical education, physician health, and excellence in practice. It has been helping finance physician education for more than 60 years.

“We recognize that medical students play a vital role in the future of medicine in Pennsylvania, so we proudly administer scholarships to deserving students across the commonwealth,” says Heather Wilson, the Foundation’s executive director.

[Get the details and view the program flyer.](#)

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## Take Advantage of Your PaPS Member Benefits!

Have you visited the [PaPS website](#) (www.papsych.org) lately? We have recently made a variety of updates to the site, particularly to the [Medicare/Medicaid/Payor Issues](#) page. You must log in with your PaPS User Name and Password.



Check it out to discover the news and resources we are sharing exclusively with our members!

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