MEMORANDUM

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To: MSSNY Council
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Mandatory Prescriber Education

MSSNY continues to education physicians and other prescribers on the statutory three hour requirement on pain management, palliative care and addiction. Since March, MSSNY has educated the prescribers at a series of webinars, a live seminar at the MSSNY HOD, and through its on-line program. There were 2,520 prescribers who took the webinars, 132 prescribers who took the three hour program at the MSSNY House of Delegates, and as of May 31, 2017 there were also 5, 245 prescribers who have established an account at MSSNY CME. Non-MSSNY members are charged $50 per module or $150 for all three hours. As we get closer to the July 1, 2017 deadline, the traffic on the MSSNY CME site increases.

Every prescriber is required to attest to the NYS Department of Health that they have taken a three hour program that comport with the statute by July 1, 2017. The prescriber should only attest after completion of at least three hours of course work or training covering all eight topics. A prescriber with a Health Commerce System (HCS) account will attest online using the Narcotic Education Attestation Tracker (NEAT) application. A copy of the instructions for attesting is attached.

The Medical Society of the State of New York Pain Management, Palliative Care and Addiction modules are now available on-line at https://cme.mssny.org These modules are being offered free of charge to all MSSNY members. Physicians who are new users to the MSSNY CME site will be required to register as a new user. As a new user, physicians and non-physicians will be required to enter fields that include: position; name (the name should be what you want to appear on the CME certificate); email address; and then create a password. MSSNY members who encounter a payment page or have difficulty registering, please email cme@mssny.org for technical support.

MSSNY Emergency Preparedness Grant Renewed for 2017-18

The Medical Society’s emergency preparedness grant from the NYS Department of Health has been renewed for 2017-18. The $79,125 grant will allow MSSNY to continue its Medical Matters series, and its online programs on emergency preparedness. MSSNY Committee on Emergency Preparedness and Disasters and Terrorism Response will meet on Tuesday, June 27 in Albany to discuss deliverables for the next fiscal year. Committee members will also discuss with Brad Hutton, MPH, Director, Center for Community Health, NYS Department of Health, the Zika virus and C. auris.

MSSNY To Act As Sole Source Contractor for DOH TBI Program

MSSNY has submitted a work plan and budget to again be a “sole source” contractor for NYS Department of Health TBI program. Under this $31,000 contract, MSSNY is responsible for educating physicians, allied health and EMS personnel on the signs and symptoms of TBI in the pediatric and adult communities. In 2016/17, MSSNY received over $14,000 to provide a webinar, a podcast and an online program on concussion. MSSNY’s pre-recorded podcast on Current Concepts in Concussion for Pediatric and Adult Patients is now available on the MSSNY CME webpage for your participation. Listen in on a discussion between Dr. John Pugh,
assistant professor of Neurology at Albany Medical Center and Dr. Deborah Light, Director of the Sports Medicine Fellowship at Albany Medical Center while they share their expertise on topics including identifying symptoms indicative of concussion, outlining appropriate management plans, and methods for primary and secondary prevention of concussion. To listen to the podcast, please go to https://cme.mssny.org. One hour of Continuing Medical Education (CME) is available to physicians.

**MSSNY Bioethics Committee to Assist in the Development of Aid in Dying Survey**

MSSNY’s Bioethics Committee, under the direction of Jeffrey Berger, MC, chair, has established a subcommittee of its committee members to assist in the development of the aid in dying survey called for at the 2017 MSSNY House of Delegates. MSSNY staff has identified several state medical societies that have either change position on aid in dying or became neutral and will contact them to ascertain if a survey was conducted of its membership. The subcommittee will discuss the survey development throughout the summer. It is anticipated that the survey will be ready for distribution sometime in the fall.

**MSSNY Public Health and Education/ DGA Committees**

Minutes from the various public health and education committees have been provided. MSSNY committees have been determining 2018 priorities as per Dr. Rothberg’s directive. The priorities are:

- **Addiction and Psychiatric Medicine Committee:** 1) Continue to respond to the opioid public health crisis. 2) Monitor the state’s medical marijuana program and changes. 3) Develop contingency plans for addressing mental health issues should changes in insurance law occur.

- **Bioethics Committee:** 1) Physician Assisted Suicide/Aid in Dying Survey. 2) Review of MSSNY position on medical marijuana. 3) Is Healthcare a Right?

- **Health Care Disparities Committee:** 1) Understand organizations/programs that currently exist within our state that might provide synergy with our goal of eliminating health disparities. Examples DSRIP initiatives by PPS, educational institutions, bridge programs. 2) Take a statewide inventory of programs and resources designed to increase the number of underrepresented minorities in medicine, and have that information readily available as a resource. 3) Provide CME education for physicians in topics related to health disparities.

- **Infectious Disease Committee:** 1) Immunization Prevention—Ensure that immunization continues to be covered by NYS/country insurance products and ensuring that current public policy on immunized continues to be based on evidence based medicine. 2) Pre-existing Conditions Remains as a Standard---Especially for those individuals infected with diseases that are transmissible such as HIV, and for which, ongoing medical treatment is also a prevention strategy. 3) Review of Environmental Protection—Ensuring that the public water system and the effects of warming and migration of vectors like mosquitos (Zika, malaria, West Nile, etc) environmental factors that could contribute to the spread of infectious diseases.

- **Long Term Care Subcommittee:** 1) VA/MSSNY Collaboration and Education Program – Dwyer to Dwyer. 2) Home Care Regulations/Task Force. 3) Long Term Care issues related to nursing homes and quality and safety issues in nursing homes including educational programming on sepsis and infectious disease preventionists.

- **Prevention Medicine and Family Health Committee:** Prevention modalities and implementation to include: 1) Substance Use and Abuse prevention. 2) Behavioral Health Interventions, Identifying and Providing Access to Community Resources/Population Health. 3) HIV/Hep C Treatment: Primary Care role in treating population. 4) Implementation of Youth At Risk paper.

- **Quality Improvement and Patient Safety Committee:** 1) Review of changes in the health care system, practice transformation and relationship with value-based payments, DSRIP, Medicare and MACRA. 2) Changes to the MOC program. 3) Long term care insurance.

Several of the PHE committees are yet to meet and have not yet established priorities.
Completing the steps below to access the NEAT (Narcotic Education Attestation Tracker) application in the NYS Health Commerce System (HCSS):
2. Fill in the appropriate information in the space provided and click save.
4. Review the Attraction Language and check the "I Attested" button if you meet the attestation requirements.
I. Click the "Request Exemption Button". Exemptions will be granted only in very limited circumstances, and not solely on the basis of economic hardship, technological limitations in an individual's practice area, specific Specialty, or Board Certification. In certain limited circumstances, the New York State Department of Health may grant an exemption to the required course work or

Complete the steps below to request an exemption from the required education:
2. Justification can be provided by entering text in the box below, OR by uploading supporting documents, OR both. This information can be saved for later or submitted by checking the appropriate box.
This screen indicates an exemption request has been saved. There is also an option to attempt which will cancel the exemption request.
4. This screen allows you to save information for later, submit exemption request or cancel exemption request.
5. This screen indicates an exemption request has been submitted. You can monitor for status updates.