

EDUCATION

Keeping Current with Your Membership – the Chapter’s Endorsed Medical Liability Company Announces a 5% Policyholder Dividend for 2014

Medical Liability Mutual Insurance Company (MLMIC) is pleased to announce a 5% dividend for any MLMIC policyholder insured as of May 1, 2014. NYACP members are eligible for MLMIC coverage as a Chapter membership benefit.

The 2014 dividend will be applied for dentists by June 1 and on July 1 for physicians, extenders, hospitals and other healthcare facilities that maintain continuous coverage through July 1.

MLMIC remains committed to policyholder-first service and continues to work to provide much needed relief to policyholders, while maintaining financial stability.

For more information on MLMIC, including how to become a policyholder in time to qualify for the 2014 dividend, please visit www.mlmic.com or call your nearest MLMIC underwriting office:

New York City: 800.275.6564

Long Island: 877.777.3560

Latham: 800.635.0666

Syracuse: 800.356.4056

ADVOCACY

2014-2015 NYS Budget Highlights

The Chapter summary of important New York State Budget Highlights has been posted to our advocacy page at

<http://www.nyacp.org/i4a/pages/index.cfm?pageid=3321>. As reported in

previous Your Chapter in Action Alerts, there is much in the proposed NYS Budget that impacts physician practices. Legislators are now back in session attempting to pass a budget by March 31st.

A presentation on the State’s Health Innovation Plan (SHIP) will be given by Foster Gesten, MD, FACP, Medical Director of Quality and Patient Safety of the New York State Dept. of Health at our Chapter Health and Public Policy Committee on Friday.

We are honored to host the second of four students and residents serving in our office through an approved elective/rotation. These students and residents spend one month learning about the legislative process, meeting with regulatory and legislative officials, and researching current legislation. Follow the progress of our students and residents on Twitter and “Friend” us on our Facebook page for updates from these ambitious young and future physicians.

QUALITY

Celebrate National Patient Safety Week

March 2-8, 2014 is Patient Safety Awareness Week. This is an annual campaign sponsored by the National Patient Safety Foundation dedicated to educating healthcare professionals and patients about health care safety.



This year’s theme is “Navigate Your Health...Safely.” A patient’s health journey often starts with a diagnosis. One way to encourage patient understanding is to distribute a checklist that helps patients take an active role in working with their doctor or nurse when they are ill. <http://bit.ly/yebkrT>.

In collaboration with the Society To Improve Diagnosis in Medicine, the National Patient Safety Foundation is presenting a series of three webcasts on diagnostic error topics.

These webcasts are being offered **free of charge** in both their live and archived listening forms but **registration is required**. Further details about the presentations and how to register are available at:

<http://www.npsf.org/events-forums/patient-safety-awareness-week/diagnostic-error-webinar-series/>