Dear all:

Please allow this to be an update of MAG activities over the last few weeks. As always, my previous updates can be found at http://www.mag.org/resources/executive-director.

**Georgia Composite Medical Board**
GCMB recently released documents and forms required by HB 504, which requires all vaccine protocols to be filed with the Board effective July 1, 2015. HB 504 was the compromise legislation between MAG and the Georgia Pharmacy Association that addressed certain vaccines that may be administered by a pharmacist that is working under a protocol with a physician. More information can be found at http://www.mag.org/news/articles/gcmb-hb508.

Additionally, Medical Cannabinoid Oil Registry is now available online for the patients that qualify. We have put together a document in an attempt to answer any questions you may have. This document can be found at http://www.mag.org/news/articles/dph-registry. If you have further questions, please do not hesitate to contact Trish at pyeatts@mag.org.

**Blue Cross Blue Shield of Georgia**
BCBSGa has sent a letter to a number of practices in their Pathway Network. According to BCBSGa's records, these practices do not have admitting privileges to an in-network hospital. According to BCBSGa, 273 practices representing 476 physicians will receive this letter. We are urging physicians in Georgia who receive this letter to contact BCBSGa as quickly as possible to update their records. More information can be found at http://www.mag.org/news/articles/bcbs-pathways.

**Independent Payment Advisory Board (IPAB)**
We continue our advocacy efforts to repeal IPAB from the Affordable Care Act. Please see a letter prepared by AMA that we sent to our Congressional delegation. More information can be found at http://www.mag.org/news/articles/ama-ipab.

**Webinar on Maximizing Patient Collections**
A recording of the first installment of the three-part “Practice Management: What You Need to Know Now” webinar series that we hosted on June 16 that addressed “Maximizing Patient Collections” is now available online for MAG members and their staff. The call featured Elizabeth Woodcock, who is a nationally recognized practice management expert. For more information, please go to http://www.mag.org/news/articles/woodcock-webinar-recording-1 or contact Susan at smoore@mag.org.

**Legislative Priorities**
It is that time of the year again. Your Council on Legislation will begin to meet and discuss the 2016 Legislative Priorities. Please take a moment and send us your thoughts on the 2016 Legislative Priorities to Marcus at mdowns@mag.org.

**REMINDER - Legislative Update**
MAG will host the annual Legislative Update on July 31 to August 1 at Château Élan Winery & Resort in Braselton. This event will have a number of legislators present and will give you the opportunity to discuss health care issues important to you and your patients. Please take a moment to register for the event. More information can be found at http://www.mag.org/news/articles/legislative-update.

As always, if you should have any questions, please do not hesitate to call.

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