

2006 Accomplishments

Budget:

1. Twice convinced the Legislature to fully restore all reimbursement cuts to Medicaid and EPIC.
 - a. First restoration was from Governor's initial budget
 - b. Second restoration was on a Governor's veto "override."
 - c. Governor challenged Legislature's ability to change his budget - PSSNY sued Governor, Budget Director & Commissioner of Health arguing that the state's constitution "specifically" states that the Legislature must create programs for the state's "poor and needy" citizens and that the Legislature is "responsible" for funding these programs. The day we filed and served the suit, the Governor & Legislature came to an agreement that evening restoring more than 90% of the cuts to Medicaid/EPIC.

Legislatively:

1. Passed the "No-Mandatory Mail Order" bill in the Assembly 147-0. - Died in Senate Committee
2. Passed the Pharmacy Benefit Manager Transparency bill in Assembly 146-0 - Died in Senate Committee - Successfully won AARP's support as a top priority
3. Moved Pharmacists as Immunizer legislation by getting the NYS Nurses Association to remove their opposition. PSSNY has been able to pick up several key support groups for passage.
4. Successfully killed several pieces of legislation detrimental to the business and practice of pharmacy including the annual "Doctor-based Rx Vending Machine" bill.
5. Monitor on federal legislative & regulatory issues and report to the membership.
6. Got the "Citizenship" one-year waiver extension bill passed but Governor vetoed over "technicality."

Professionally:

1. Continue our work with the Medicaid Pharmacy Advisory Committee to effectuate changes as they relate to audits, MMIS numbers, Supervising Pharmacist Registrations & the unfairness of Medicaid's Disqualified list without "due process." Several of these issues will be going to court soon.
2. Continuously monitor the NYS Board of Pharmacy meetings.
3. Continuously monitor the Medicaid PDL meetings.
4. Continuously monitor the Medicaid/EPIC DUR meetings.
5. Provided successful Mid-Winter Conference and the Annual Conventions & Exhibition.
6. Issued six (6) NYS Pharmacist journals
7. Provided over 125 hours of Professional CE training programs throughout NYS.