The **Organized Medical Staff Section** provides a representational forum for physicians practicing in organized medical staffs. The Section identifies and articulates the concerns of physicians with the medical staff structure, facilitates opportunities for focused discussion of these topics, and works to address these issues through MMS and AMA governance and education.

The **OMSS works to raise awareness, provide information and increase active participation in the section.**
- Create strategies for grassroots outreach to MMS members to participate in the OMSS.
- Provide insight and expertise about all aspects of the OMSS including the governance process and mentor new members of the MMS and AMA.
- Increase involvement of young physicians by appointing a representative to the OMSS Executive Committee (EC) to provide collaboration between the YPS and the OMSS.

**Establish interactive communication between organized medicine and practicing physicians.**
- Increase utilization of various communication channels to members of the MMS OMSS.
- Identify representatives within organized medical staffs, and outreach to medical staff leaders.
- Encourage medical staff representation and funding opportunities to local and national meetings.
- Foster leadership by the MMS-OMSS within the Great Atlantic Seaboard Caucus (other state medical societies) for the exchange of relevant information and governance.

**Create educational and work products for physicians in organized health care delivery systems.**
- Communicate with the leadership of medical staffs to identify and address topics of concern.
- Explore education and work products to address Medical Staff Bylaws, attendance within medical staffs, and track developing trends.

**Address Medical Staff issues through MMS and AMA governance channels.**
- Utilize the MMS governance process including its House of Delegates, to address local issues.
- Collaboration between the MMS-OMSS and the Great Atlantic Seaboard Caucus to raise local issues to the national level through the AMA-OMSS Assembly.
- Partner with the MA Delegation to the AMA House of Delegates for coordinated strategies.

**Assist with communications and activities of government agencies such as the Joint Commission (JC) and the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).**
- Participate in reviewing proposed regulations and rules by offering recommendations and raising concern when warranted.
- Work with the AMA-OMSS, in their review, and monitoring of JC field reviews, and provide responses to for requests for public feedback.
- Support the AMA as they alert members of upcoming and pending changes, (e.g., field reviews), and stress the need for physician participation, and share results.
The following Reports were researched, analyzed and submitted to the MMS House of Delegates:

2016 MMS Annual Meeting:
2. Principles for Hospital-Sponsored Electronic Health Records
3. Payment Mechanisms for Physician-Led Team Based Health Care
5. Temporary Medical Staff Privileges
6. Preserving the Physician Patient Relationship during Hospitalizations
7. Health Benefit Plan Network Access and Adequacy for Hospital-Based Physicians
8. Public Reporting of Advertising Expenses by Pharmaceutical Companies
9. Stark Law and Physician Compensation

2017 Annual Meeting
1. Supporting an Appeals Process for Out of Network Patient Referrals
2. Hospital Discharge Communications
3. Fair Process for Employed Physicians
4. Needle/Syringe Disposal
5. Improving Mental Health at Colleges and Universities for Student Populations
6. Ensuring Representative Diversity in MMS Leadership Pathways
7. Reducing Barriers to Participation in HOD Meetings for Members with Children/Families
8. Providing for Prescription Drug Donation

The following Resolutions were submitted to AMA OMSS Assembly and some followed to the AMA House of Delegates:
1. Recognition of Out of State DNR / Physician Orders for Life Sustaining Treatment (POLST) Forms
2. NIH Research Funding for Opioid and Chronic Pain Crises
3. Timeliness in Obtaining Medical Records from Other Providers
4. Supporting an Appeals Process for Out of Network Patient Referrals
5. Providing for Prescription Drug Donation
6. Proposal to End the Federal Certification of EHRs Programs
7. Towards Eliminating ERISA State Preemption of Health Plan Liability
8. EHR Status and HIT Principles

The MMS OMSS holds 4-5 Executive Committee meetings per year. In addition, EC members attend the AMA OMSS annual and interim Assembly meetings. The section has numerous representatives from medical staffs across the state attend either meeting. Great Atlantic Seaboard Caucus meetings are held prior to the AMA OMSS Assembly that are coordinated and attended by all MA representatives.

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