

2025 Interim Meeting of the AMA Senior Physicians Section (SPS)

Friday, November 14, 2025

Gaylord National Resort & Convention Center | National Harbor, MD

Note: Times listed below are in Eastern Time

Friday, November 14

2:00 – 3:00 p.m.	<p>SPS Education Session Title: I-25: Safeguarding Senior Care - Public Law 119-21 (OBBBA) and WISeR</p> <p>Speakers: Margaret Garikes, JD, AMA Vice President, Government Affairs Annalia Michelman, JD, Senior Attorney, Advocacy Resource Center</p> <p>Description: Major changes in federal policy and payment models are set to reshape health care access for older adults. This session explores the impact of Public Law 119-21 (OBBBA), including significant cuts to Medicaid and the Affordable Care Act (ACA) projected to leave nearly 12 million people without insurance by 2034.</p> <p>Additionally, the session examines the upcoming WISeR pilot from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), which will introduce AI-driven prior authorization requirements for select outpatient Medicare procedures in six states over six years. This new model raises potential concerns about delays or denials of critical care for older adults, along with ethical, clinical, and logistical implications for providers and patients.</p> <p>Join us to discuss how these changes may affect coverage, care delivery, and compliance, and strategies to protect access and quality for underserved populations.</p> <p>Learning Objectives:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Evaluate how Medicaid and ACA reductions, as introduced by Public Law 119-21, will impact seniors' health insurance coverage, access to care, and long-term support services. 2. Analyze the effects of Public Law 119-21 on hospitals and clinics, with an emphasis on rural and underserved areas. 3. Discuss the implications of the WISeR AI model, including its impact on timely access to care for older adults. 4. Review the ethical, clinical, and logistical considerations of 	National Harbor 2
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	implementing AI-driven prior authorization for Medicare outpatient services in the WISeR pilot.	
3:00 – 4:00 p.m.	<p>SPS Education Session Title: I-25: LifeGuard® - Enhancing Clinical Competency and Professionalism Among Senior Physicians</p> <p>Speaker: Tracey Ziegler RN, BSN, Director, LifeGuard® Program, Foundation of the Pennsylvania Medical Society</p> <p>Description: As the medical workforce ages and clinical demands grow, supporting senior physicians is essential for maintaining high standards of care. LifeGuard® is a nationally recognized program providing evidence-based assessments of clinical competency and professional conduct for physicians. Join us to explore how LifeGuard® identifies cognitive or behavioral concerns, delivers individualized assessments, and offers ongoing monitoring to support physicians in enhancing their performance.</p> <p>Learning Objectives: 1. Describe LifeGuard®'s methods for evaluating clinical competency and professionalism in physicians 2. Evaluate physician outcomes and successful return to practice following the LifeGuard® program 3. Examine the specialized evaluation process for practicing senior physicians, focusing on pharmacology knowledge, prescribing documentation, and relevant legal considerations</p>	National Harbor 2
4:00 – 5:00 p.m.	<p>SPS Assembly Business Meeting (welcome introductions program overview) Virginia (Ginny) E. Hall, MD, AMA-SPS Delegate Douglas M. DeLong, MD, AMA-SPS Alternate Delegate</p>	National Harbor 2
6:00 p.m. – closing	<p>HOD Opening Session <i>(Please be seated by 5:50 p.m.)</i></p>	

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