LAAC UPDATES – SEPTEMBER 2016

The LAAC provides periodic updates to inform members about recent advocacy efforts and to request input from members about their advocacy needs.

CMS Proposed Billing Change for Cognitively Impaired Medicare Patients
CMS has proposed a new billing G code (temporary code GPPP6) for the evaluation and treatment planning services for Medicare patients with a cognitive impairment (i.e., dementia), which would take effect January 1, 2016. This proposed code will reimburse providers who meet a stated set of criteria (i.e., medical decision making of moderate/high complexity), which would ultimately exclude psychologists’ ability to bill under this code. The APA Practice Organization (APAPO) and Inter Organizational Practice Committee (IOPC) sent official comment letters (APAPO Letter; IOPC Letter) to Administrator Slavitt at CMS in response to these concerns. Please stay tuned for future updates on this important matter.