

Mississippi Independent Pharmacies Association 2021 Convention SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

FRIDAY, April 16, 2021

12:30 pm **REGISTRATION**

1:00 pm – 2:00 pm **Current Status of MEDICAL Marijuana in Mississippi – Dr. Thomas Dobbs, MS Health Officer**
1.0 CE Credit Hours

Medical marijuana is fast becoming one of the most talked about topic in the healthcare community. Dr. Dobbs will discuss the issues concerning the future of medical marijuana in Mississippi.

2:00 pm – 2:15 pm **BREAK**

2:15 pm – 3:15 pm **Current Status of COVID 19 Vaccinations in Mississippi / What to Expect Next – Dr. Thomas Dobbs, MS Health Officer**
1.0 Hours CE Credit Hour

Dr. Dobbs will apprise attendees on the current number of Mississippians currently vaccinated, future of Independent Pharmacies in COVID-19 vaccines going forward and the probability of need for future COVID-19 vaccines in 2022.

3:15 pm – 3:30 pm **BREAK**

3:30 pm – 5:00 pm **Mississippi's Pharmacy Audit Integrity Act and PBM Auditing Trends – Amal Payal, Pharmacist Attorney, Frier Levitt's Life Sciences Department**
1.5 CE Credit Hours

This session will cover a review of Mississippi's Pharmacy Audit Integrity Act and how to leverage the law against PBM during audits. Additionally, this session will cover common PBM auditing trends and measures pharmacies can take to avoid common pitfalls.

5:30 pm – 7:30 pm **Trade Show RECEPTION!!**

SATURDAY, April 17, 2021

7:30 am – 8:15 am **Breakfast with Exhibitors**

8:15 am – 9:45 am **"Am I Really in Charge?" – Robbie Stokes, Vice President, LifeLine Solutions**
1.5 CE Credit Hours

Robbie Stokes will discuss topics that will hit home at your pharmacy. We will talk about how to get you back in charge of your business. We will discuss what is **not** working and as a group of pharmacy owners. Attendees will confront the obstacles as a hold and learn how to combat those concerns. This will be interactive and Fun.

9:45 am – 10:15 am **BLOODY MARY BREAK with Exhibitors**

10:15 am – 12:15 pm **Understanding U.S. Medication Pricing and Utilization Distortions - Antonio Ciaccia**
2.0 CE Credit Hours

This session will delve into the two groups of Supply Chain Distortions, how rebates on brand name drugs create price discrimination for payers. The function of Average Wholesale Price (AWP) for generic medications, and its central role in creating drug pricing distortions, along with the impact of an inaccurate AWP to independent pharmacies and payers. The session will also demonstrate how generic effective rate can be used by PBMs to extract spread from pass-through contracts and describe how specialty drug steering is executed differently in Medicaid, commercial, and Medicare Part D.

**ENJOY YOUR AFTERNOON in Point Clear & Fairhope,
BUT COME BACK FOR THE GRAND LAWN PARTY & DINNER, Sponsored by APCI**

6:00 pm – 8:30 pm Grand Lawn Party and Dinner at Julep Point, Grand Hotel

SUNDAY, April 18, 2021

8:00 am – 8:30 am Breakfast

8:30 am – 10:00 am Independent pharmacy's role in game changing early detection of dementia and other brain conditions. -

Chris Cornelison, Owner, Solutions Rx.

1.5 CE Credit Hours

In the course, Chris Cornelison will teach about a new FDA approved cognitive health technology now available to independent pharmacies. An adjunctive tool for evaluating cognitive function in three different areas: memory, visuospatial, and executive function. The course will give you the clinical knowledge needed to do a 5 minute screening on your patients that is relaxed and non-invasive helping patients feel comfortable with checking their cognition levels. This gives pharmacists another option to add clinical services to treat your patients inside of your pharmacy.

10:00 – 11:30 am State & Federal Affairs - Robert Dozier, Executive Director, MIPA, AI Sage, MIPA Contract Lobbyist, Susan McCoy, Executive Director, MS Board of Pharmacy

1.5 CE Credit Hours

This session will focus on the current legislation and laws that govern and impact independent pharmacies and pharmacy profession on a federal and state level.

11:30 am – 12:00 pm MIPA Membership/Board Meeting