

KPA LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES – 2017 GA

- ✓ Protection of **psychology** title and practice from intrusion
- ✓ Protection of an independent licensing board of psychology continuing to be the regulatory body for psychology
- ✓ Psychology to be at the table whenever health issues, policies and programs are discussed
- ✓ Support increased access to healthcare, particularly to behavioral health services
- ✓ Improve provider reimbursements and protections under third-party payers, both with private insurance and with Medicaid (FFS or MCO)
- ✓ Revise the current mandatory domestic violence reporting statute to replace with mandatory education and referral in domestic and dating violence situations
- ✓ A comprehensive statewide smoke-free bill, which KPA has endorsed as a health promotion issue, will not be introduced this session. Instead, support legislation to make school campuses, Ktg.–12th grade, smoke-free statewide
- ✓ Support KMHC legislative priorities around expanded SPMI outpatient services, improved substance abuse treatment, and child protection
- ✓ Oppose legislation that may result in or maintain discrimination because of the psychological harm it creates

Important Dates from the 2017 GA Calendar:

<i>January 3, 2017</i>	<i>2017 KY General Assembly (30-Day) Session - Part I Opens</i>
<i>Jan 7 – Feb 6, 2017</i>	<i>Recess between Session's Part I and Part II</i>
January 9, 2017	Advocacy Training with Sheila Schuster – Louisville
<i>February 7, 2017</i>	<i>2017 KY General Assembly Session – Part II Opens</i>
<i>February 10, 2017</i>	<i>Last Day for Bill Requests</i>
<i>February 17, 2017</i>	<i>Last Day for New Senate Bills</i>
<i>February 20, 2017</i>	<i>President's Day – Legislative Holiday</i>
<i>February 21, 2017</i>	<i>Last Day for New House Bills</i>
March 1, 2017	KPA Legislative Day – Frankfort
<i>March 10 & 13, 2017</i>	<i>Legislative Holidays</i>
<i>March 14 & 15, 2017</i>	<i>Concurrence Days (reconcile different versions of same bill)</i>
<i>March 16 – 27, 2017</i>	<i>Veto Period / No GA Session</i>
<i>March 28, 2017</i>	<i>Legislative Holiday</i>
<i>March 29 – 30, 2017</i>	<i>Closing Legislative Days of the 2017 KY General Assembly</i>

NOTE: Best days to come to Frankfort during the session are on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Committee meetings are held from 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. House and Senate convene at 2:00 p.m.