

LOBBYING REPORT

Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995 (Section 5) - **All Filers Are Required To Complete This Page**

1. Registrant Name:

AMERICAN ASSN FOR GERIATRIC PSYCHIATRY

2. Address:

7910 WOODMONT AVENUE, SUITE 1050, BETHESDA, MD 20814

3. Principal place of business (if different from line 2):

4. Contact Name: MARJORIE VANDERBILT

Telephone: 3016547850

E-mail (optional): mvanderbilt@aagponline.org

Senate ID #: 59251-12

House ID #:

7. Client Name: ☒ Self

TYPE OF REPORT

8. Year 2007 Midyear (January 1 - June 30): ☐ **OR** Year End (July 1 - December 31): ☒

9. Check if this filing amends a previously filed version of this report: ☒

10. Check if this is a Termination Report: ☐ => Termination Date: 11. No Lobbying Activity: ☐

INCOME OR EXPENSES

Complete Either Line 12 **OR** Line 13

12. Lobbying Firms

INCOME relating to lobbying activities for this reporting period was:

Less than \$10,000: ☐

\$10,000 or more: ☐ => Income (nearest \$20,000): _____

Provide a good faith estimate, rounded to the nearest \$20,000, of all lobbying related income from the client (including all payments to the registrant by any other entity for lobbying activities on behalf of the client).

13. Organizations

EXPENSES relating to lobbying activities for this reporting period were:

Less than \$10,000: ☐

\$10,000 or more: ☒ => Expenses (nearest \$20,000): 40,000.00

14. Reporting Method.

Check box to indicate expense accounting method. See instructions for description of options.

☒ **Method A.** Reporting amounts using LDA definitions only

☐ **Method B.** Reporting amounts under section 6033(b)(8) of the Internal Revenue Code

☐ **Method C.** Reporting amounts under section 162(e) of the Internal Revenue Code

LOBBYING ACTIVITY

Select as many codes as necessary to reflect the general issue areas in which the registrant engaged in lobbying on behalf of the client during the reporting period. Using a separate page for each code, provide information as requested. Attach additional page(s) as needed.

15. General issue area code: BUD (one per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues:

1. H.R. 3043/S. 1710 - Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Appropriations for Fiscal Year 2008. Funding for the National Institutes of Health and the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration. Funding requests included monies for an Institute of Medicine (IOM) study on the future mental health workforce needs for older adults; increased funding for the existing program for evidence-based mental health outreach and treatment for the elderly within the Center for Mental Health Services at the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration; and continued funding for the geriatric health professions program under Title VII of the Public Health Service Act. 2. H.R. 2642/S. 1645 -- Military Construction and Veterans Administration Appropriations for Fiscal Year 2008. Support increased funding to meet the mental health needs of aging veterans. Need for integration of general and mental health care, long-term care, education and research. Need for more research on and treatment for post-traumatic stress disorder in light of its re-emergence among older veterans. Need for funding for a study by the Institute of Medicine (IOM) on the future workforce needs for treating older adults, including older veterans, with late-life mental disorders and dementia. 3. H.R. 2764, Fiscal Year 2008 Omnibus Appropriations -- Support increased funding for programs under the National Institutes of Health; the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration; and the Veterans Administration; and continued funding for the geriatric health professions program under Title VII of the Public Health Service Act.

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies contacted:
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
SENATE

18. Name of each individual who acted as a lobbyist in this issue area:

Name: DEVRIES, CHRISTINE
Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A
Name: REED, STEPHANIE
Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A
Name: VANDERBILT, MARJORIE
Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A

19. Interest of each foreign entity in the specific issues listed on line 16 above: **None**

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15. General issue area code: HCR (one per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues:

1. H.R. 1669/S. 982, "Positive Aging Act of 2007". Support all provisions. The bill would improve access to mental health services for older adults by integrating mental health services into primary and community settings through demonstration projects that target urban and rural medically underserved areas. Interdisciplinary teams of mental health professionals working in collaboration with other providers of health care and social services would provide these evidence-based services. 2. H.R. 1424, the "Paul Wellstone Mental Health and Addiction Equity Act". Support all provisions. The bill expands the Mental Health Parity Act of 1996 by requiring group health plans that offer benefits for mental health and addiction to do so on the same terms as care for other diseases. 3. H.R. 2502, "Geriatricians Loan Forgiveness Act of 2007". Support all provisions. The bill would extend the National Health Service Corps Loan Repayment Program to geriatric training, forgiving \$35,000 of educational debt incurred by medical students for each year of advanced training to obtain a certificate of added qualifications in geriatric medicine or geriatric psychiatry. 4. S. 558, the "Mental Health Parity Act of 2007". Support provisions to prohibit private health insurance plans from imposing treatment limitations or financial requirements on mental health benefits unless comparable limitations or requirements are imposed on medical and surgical benefits. 5. Discussed with House and Senate staff the need to include older adults in clinical trials. 6. Provided comments to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) on the revisions proposed for the Community Mental Health Services Block Grant Application Guidance and Instruction for Fiscal Years 2008-2010. Expressed strong support for SAMHSA's proposed requirement that State Plans include a description of the services provided to older adults under criterion 4 of the State's plan. 7. S. 1628, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize programs to increase the number of nurse faculty and to increase the domestic nursing and physical therapy workforce. Support all provisions. 8. S. 1854, the "Stop Senior Suicide Act". Support provisions to repeal the 50 percent Medicare outpatient mental health coinsurance rate; improve interagency coordination; provide grants for elderly suicide early intervention and prevention strategies; and enhance the existing Suicide Prevention Resource Center. 9. Support H. R. 3411, the "Juvenile Crime Reduction Act of 2007," to provide strategies to help to decrease the prevalence of young people with mental disorders who come into contact with the juvenile justice system.

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies contacted:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Health & Human Services, Dept of (HHS)

SENATE

Substance Abuse & Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)

18. Name of each individual who acted as a lobbyist in this issue area:

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Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A

Name: REED, STEPHANIE

Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A

Name: VANDERBILT, MARJORIE

Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A

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15. General issue area code: MMM (one per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues:

1. Medicare Physician Fee Schedule -- AAGP urges Congress to reverse the ten percent reduction in Medicare fees to physicians that is scheduled to go into effect on January 1, 2008. AAGP also urges Congress to replace the current Medicare reimbursement formula with one that more accurately reflects the volume and intensity of services furnished to Medicare beneficiaries. 2. H.R. 1663, "Medicare Mental Health Modernization Act of 2007" -- Support: Title 1: Parity of Mental Health services under Medicare -- repealing the 50 percent copayment required by Medicare for mental health services; repealing the 190-day income cap on inpatient services in psychiatric hospitals; Title 2: Expanding coverage of community-based mental health services, such as psychiatric rehabilitation and substance abuse centers. 3. S. 1715, "Medicare Mental Health Copayment Equity Act of 2007" -- Support all provisions: the bill would repeal Section 1833(c) of the Social Security Act, reducing to 20 percent the current 50 percent copayment required by Medicare for outpatient mental health services over a six-year period. 4. H.R. 1571, the "Senior Access to Mental Health Act of 2007" -- Support all provisions: the bill would repeal Section 1833 (c) of the Social Security Act, reducing to 20 percent the current 50 percent copayment required by Medicare for outpatient mental health services over a six-year period. 5. AAGP met with CMS staff to request that CMS issue a 2-digit physician specialty code for geriatric psychiatry. This code would be used by psychiatrists who are board certified in geriatric psychiatry and whose practices are specialized to care for geriatric patients. Its purpose would be to ensure that data accumulated by the Medicare program could be put to full use in improving the quality and effectiveness of care for late-life mental disorders. 6. H.R. 3162, the "Children's Health and Medicare Protection Act of 2007". Support provisions to repeal the 50 percent Medicare copayment requirement for mental health outpatient care; a provision to avert the scheduled ten percent reduction in Medicare reimbursement rates for physicians in 2008 and to replace it with an increase of 0.5 percent in 2008 and 2009; and a temporary five percent increase to the "908" Medicare psychiatric service codes to offset the unanticipated disparate reduction for those services as a result of the last relative value unit review. 7. Sent comments to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid services on the proposed rule for revisions to Medicare payment policies under the Physician Fee Schedule for 2008. Expressed support for the proposed acceptance of the recommendations of the American Medical Association's Specialty Society Relative Value Update Committee for the increased reimbursement codes describing nursing facility care. In addition, AAGP reiterated its opposition to the proposed 10 percent reduction in the conversion factor for 2008 and urged CMS to use its discretion to revise the calculation of physician expenditures and to support efforts in Congress to replace the SGR policy.

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Name: VANDERBILT, MARJORIE
Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A

19. Interest of each foreign entity in the specific issues listed on line 16 above. **None**

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15. General issue area code: VET (one per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues:

1. Urged Congressional support for increased mental health services for veterans. 2. Discussed mental health research at the Veterans Administration with Senate staff.

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Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A

Name: VANDERBILT, MARJORIE

Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A

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Signature: ON FILE Date: Jul 23, 2008

Printed Name and Title: CHRISTINE M. DEVRIES, CEO -

Information Update Page:

Complete ONLY where registration information has changed.

LOBBYIST UPDATE

23. Name of each previously reported individual who is NO LONGER expected to act as a lobbyist for the client

Name: BROWN, MEGAN

ISSUE UPDATE

24. General lobbying issues previously reported that NO LONGER pertain

AFFILIATED ORGANIZATIONS

25. Add the following organization(s)

26. Name of each previously reported organization that is NO LONGER affiliated with the registrant or client

FOREIGN ENTITIES

27. Add the following foreign entities

28. Name of each previously reported foreign entity the NO LONGER owns, OR controls, OR is affiliated with the registrant, client or affiliated organization

Signature: ON FILE Date: Jul 23, 2008

Printed Name and Title: -