BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

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Steven S. Sharfstein is President and Chief Executive Officer of the Sheppard Pratt Health System, where he has worked for 30 years. He is also Clinical Professor and Vice Chair of Psychiatry at the University of Maryland. A practicing clinician for more than 35 years, he is best known for his research and writing on the economics of practice and public mental health policy. Over a period of 13 years, he held a variety of positions at the National Institute of Mental Health, including Director of Mental Health Service Programs, as well as positions in consultation/liaison psychiatry and research in behavioral medicine on the campus of the National Institutes of Health. He has written on a wide variety of clinical and economic topics and has published more than 140 professional papers, 40 book chapters, and ten books, including (as coauthor) Madness and Government: Who Cares for the Mentally Ill?, a history of the federal community mental health centers program. More recently, he was chief editor of Textbook of Hospital Psychiatry. A graduate of Dartmouth College and the Albert Einstein College of Medicine, he trained in psychiatry at the Massachusetts Mental Health Center in Boston from 1969 to 1972. Dr. Sharfstein also received a Masters in Public Administration from the Kennedy School of Government in 1973 and a certificate from the Advanced Management Program at the Harvard Business School in 1991. He was Secretary of the American Psychiatric Association from 1991-95, its Vice President from 2002-2004, and President from 2005-2006. Dr. Sharfstein also received the Human Rights Award from the American Psychiatric Association in 2007, the Lifetime Achievement Award by the Maryland Psychiatric Society in 2013, the Exemplary Psychiatrist Award from the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill in 2015, the Profile of Courage Award from the American Psychiatric Association in 2015, “Maryland’s Most Admired CEO” from the Daily Record in 2015, the American Hospital Association Grassroots Champion Award in 2016.