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e-News for Friday, March 8, 2013

Upcoming Events

Race to the Finish for House & Senate Prior Auth Packages?

And they're off! This week, both sets of bills that aim to create a universal prior authorization form for prescription drugs have moved out of their respective committees. The House Health Policy Committee passed HB 4274 and 4275 and the Senate Insurance Committee passed SB 178 and 179.

MSMS Immediate Past President **Steven E. Newman, MD**, an Oakland County neurologist, has been busy advocating on your behalf to pass these bills: before the Senate Insurance Committee on Tuesday and the House Health Policy Committee last week.



Medical students speak at the Capitol with Sen. Roger Kahn, MD (top right)

Medical students also lobbied in Lansing on Tuesday to urge support of graduate medical education funding and the Medicaid expansion, among other issues. Read our blog>>

Now it's YOUR turn! But you don't have to come to Lansing to make a difference. Just use the MSMS Action

Center to contact your own state rep and senator to urge their support of prior auth bills. [Take action>>](#)

[Read our blog>>](#)

PCMH: Coordinated Care, Optimal Outcomes

March 13, 2013
Somerset Inn - Troy

Two tracks: (1) for practices exploring or just beginning PCMH; and (2) for practices needing more advanced information.

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The Weight of the State

May 8, 2013
The Inn at St. John's - Plymouth

This important conference will provide essential educational opportunities for health care professionals on advances in prevention strategies, treatment approaches, and health consequences of obesity.

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Patient Safety Resources & Prescribing Risk Tip from The Doctors Company

In honor of the National Patient Safety Foundation's 2013 Patient Safety Awareness Week (March 3-9), The Doctors Company has provided information on how physicians can promote patient safety

in their practices. [Resources>>](#)

Also, the latest risk tip from The Doctors Company encompasses a physician's duty to warn patients about the risks and complications of prescribed medications. While legal arguments have been made that the drug manufacturer should be responsible for this duty to warn, courts continue to hold physicians accountable. [More>>](#)

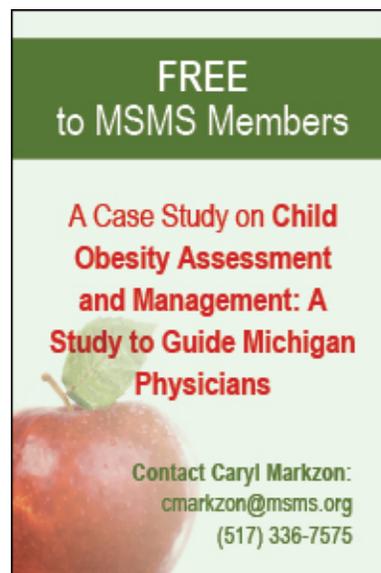
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March Is Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month

In honor of [National Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month](#) and in an effort to increase colorectal cancer screening rates in Michigan, the Michigan Department of Community Health is conducting a multimedia public education campaign this month. The campaign will include public service announcements from the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention featuring several celebrities. [View the spots>>](#)

Also, the Michigan Cancer Consortium, of which MSMS is a member, will present a webinar on March 12 called "Colorectal Cancer, Health Disparities & Policy," as well as other programs throughout the month.

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