



Valuable insights on ACOs



e-News for Friday, May 3, 2013

Upcoming Events

If U Blinked, U Missed Auto No-Fault Speeding Out of Committee

Yesterday, the House Insurance Committee passed House Bill 4612, introduced by Committee Chair **Rep. Pete Lund** (R-Shelby Twp.), on a party line vote: [10 Republican members voting YES, and 5 Democratic members voting NO.](#)

The bill will essentially gut Michigan's model auto no-fault law and replace it with a dangerous system that relies instead on expensive lawsuits, higher health insurance premiums for families and a cost shift from insurance companies onto the state's cash-strapped Medicaid system.

MSMS, as part of the Coalition Protecting Auto No-Fault (CPAN), strongly opposes the measure. Why? CPAN President **John Cornack** explains in a recent *Michigan Medicine* article: "[Protecting Michigan Auto No-Fault Insurance.](#)" The article makes such a strong case for keeping auto no-fault in Michigan that MSMS has shared it with legislators as we continue to fight auto no-fault reform in Lansing.

The bill now moves to the House floor. [Contact your reps to stop it>>](#)

Senate Says Physicians Are Quiet on Nurse Scope Expansion

MSMS is advocating tirelessly at the Capitol on Senate Bill 2, but senators are telling us that they're not hearing from individual physicians on the issue. The bill aims to change the Public Health Code to allow a sweeping expansion of scope of practice for advanced practice registered nurses (APRNs).

The bill moved to the Senate floor, and unless senators hear from more physicians—and other friends of medicine—there's a good chance they will pass it. Urge your colleagues, spouses, office

The Weight of the State

May 8

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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Spring Scientific Meeting

May 16 & 17

Somerset Inn - Troy

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managers, and others to contact senators, too!

1) [MAKE A CALL](#) - Legislators need to know that the best person to lead the health care team is the person with the most extensive education and training who can ensure the highest quality of care and safety for patients—the physician.

2) [SEND AN ELECTRONIC MESSAGE](#) - It's time to tell them that scope of practice expansions should come through education and training and NOT through legislative means ("Educate, Don't Legislate").

What We're up Against:

"The object of team care is that the head of the team is the best person for the issue you're trying to address. That may not be a physician. It may not be a nurse. It may be a physical therapist."
-Nancy George, President, Michigan Council of Nurse Practitioners (Gongwer, April 17, 2013)

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Lend Me Your 'EARS,' Says New Pres Doctor Elmassian



Last weekend during the 148th annual House of Delegates meeting, **Kenneth Elmassian, DO** (pictured), an Ingham County anesthesiologist, became the first DO to be installed as President of MSMS. He pledged to protect the physician-patient relationship that currently is at risk.

"We are part of a sacred, social contract that's been developed and nurtured for centuries. Beyond our role as healers, we are also ambassadors for our

profession and advocates for our patients," he said. "If we want the public, the media, and the policy makers to listen to us, we need more... EARS. That is, E-A-R-S: Engagement. Activism. Relevance. Support."

[Elmassian inaugural address>>](#)

Doctor Elmassian succeeded Immediate Past President **John G. Bizon, MD**, a Calhoun County otolaryngologist, and former MSMS Board of Directors Chair **James D. Grant, MD**, an Oakland County anesthesiologist, was elected President-elect. Former MSMS House Vice Speaker **Pino D. Colone, MD**, a Genesee County emergency physician, was elected House Speaker, and another Genesee County emergency physician, **Raymond R. Rudoni, MD**, was elected House Vice Speaker.

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Delegates took action on more than 80 resolutions and 10 Board Action Reports during the meeting, which also featured events such as the Physician Issues Forum, free CME courses, MSMS Board meetings, AMA Town Hall meeting and more. Watch next week's *Medigram* for a summary of resolution activity.



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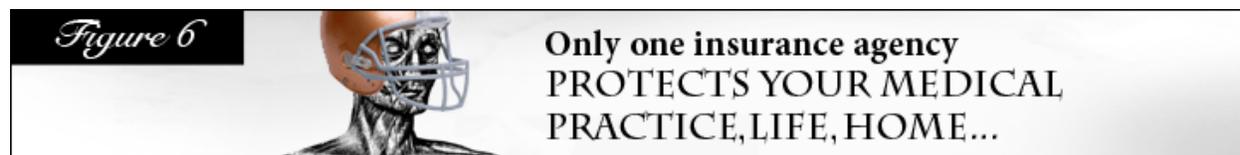


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