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Upcoming Events

Drastic Nurse Scope Could Pass if We Don't Keep Pressure On

MSMS is leading the "Educate, Don't Legislate" coalition of nearly 30 other health organizations to defeat Senate Bill 2, which includes a sweeping expansion of scope of practice for advanced practice registered nurses (APRNs) that would allow them to perform certain medical—even surgical—procedures, as well as prescribing duties, without any physician supervision or oversight.

Bill sponsor Sen. Mark Jansen (R-Grand Rapids) and other bill supporters have been making calls and making the rounds downtown to increase pressure on senators to pass the bill. Unless senators hear directly from more individual physicians—and friends of medicine—there's a good chance they will pass it.

- 1) [MAKE THE CALL](#) – Your calls count—literally. Lawmakers' offices keep track of how many calls they receive on specific issues, as well as who is making the calls. Tell them 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](#) – In addition to calling, use the prewritten message on the MSMS Action Center to further make the case against SB 2 to your senator.
- 3) [COME TO LANSING](#) – Nothing sends more of a message to lawmakers than when you show up in their offices to advocate on an issue. Participate in the MSMS-MDPAC Doctor of the Day program to help defeat SB 2.

Urge your colleagues, spouses, office managers, and others to contact senators, too!

House Republicans Counter Medicaid Expansion with New Reform Bill

Spring Scientific Meeting

May 16 & 17
Somerset Inn - Troy

Smaller and shorter version of the popular fall Scientific Meeting, featuring clinical education. Includes annual Maternal & Perinatal Health Conference.

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MSMS Foundation Golf & Tennis Classic

June 13
Walnut Hills Country Club - East Lansing

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Yesterday in Lansing, **Rep. Matt Lori** (R-Constantine) introduced House Bill 4714, which aims to put reforms in place that would change the way able-bodied adults can receive Medicaid assistance. Like the proposed Medicaid expansion, per the Affordable Care Act, the House plan also expands Medicaid to those up to 133% percent of the federal poverty limit, but it puts restrictions on access and is contingent on the federal government paying for it entirely, rather than using any state dollars.

[Read more in our blog>>](#)

MSMS, along with many other health organizations, has joined the Expand Medicaid coalition in urging lawmakers to expand Medicaid eligibility and bump the program's rates to that of Medicare, as proffered in the Affordable Care Act. If adopted, the expansion would cover approximately 450,000 additional lives. The federal government would pay for 100% of the cost for the first two years. After that, Michigan would pay for 10% of that additional cost.

[Help Expand Medicaid>>](#)

MSMS Efforts Help Boost PGIP Specialist Fee Uplifts

Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan will be adding 17 specialty types to its Physician Group Incentive Program (PGIP) [specialist fee uplifts](#). That will bring the number of specialty types eligible for fee uplifts to 24, effective February 1, 2014. MSMS advocated extensively that all specialties have the opportunity to earn rewards.

MSMS House of Delegates Resolutions 56-12 and 65-12 asked that MSMS work with Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan (BCBSM) on various issues involving BCBSM's Physician Group Incentive Program (PGIP) including source of funding, transparency of funds acquisition and distribution, availability of information, accelerating the eligibility of specialists to earn incentives, and documentation of outcomes.

The resolutions were referred to the MSMS Board of Directors in 2012, and returned to the House this year as a substitute resolution, which was adopted as amended. Among other things, substitute Res. 56-12 asks that MSMS ask BCBSM to do the following:

- 1) Work expeditiously to involve the respective state of Michigan specialty societies in discussions on the development and selection of quality metrics for specialists under the Physician Group Incentive Program (PGIP);
- 2) Accelerate access across all specialties to the ability to earn uplifts under PGIP for quality and process improvement;
- 3) Consider segregating a pool of funds attributed to each specialty that will be available for distribution when the specialty is eligible to earn an uplift under PGIP.

[House of Delegates Resolution Final Reports>>](#)

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MSMS Seeks 2013 Board of Medicine Nominations

Text MSMS is seeking physicians to recommend to the Governor's Office for a four-year term of service on the Michigan Board of Medicine.

There are currently three positions available for appointment. MSMS encourages you to submit names of qualified individuals you believe would help serve the needs of our state to MSMS for consideration. The application deadline is June 10.



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