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#### Help Protect Patients by Stopping Nurse Scope Expansion



#### ICD-10-CM Boot Camp: The Clock Is Ticking

Tuesday - Wednesday,  
December 10-11  
Hilton Airport, Grand Rapids

This two-day program, taught by ICD-10 experts Jill Young CPC, CEDC, CIMC, and Mandy Flagg, CPC, CEMC, will ensure that physicians, coders, billers, managers, and other health care professionals are prepared for the October 1, 2014 implementation.

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MSMS is working to stop [Senate Bill 2](#), introduced by Sen. Mark Jansen (R-Grand Rapids), which would greatly threaten patient safety if passed. The bill aims to change the Public Health Code to allow a sweeping expansion of scope of practice for nurse practitioners, allowing them to perform certain medical and even surgical procedures, as well as prescribing duties, without any physician supervision or oversight.

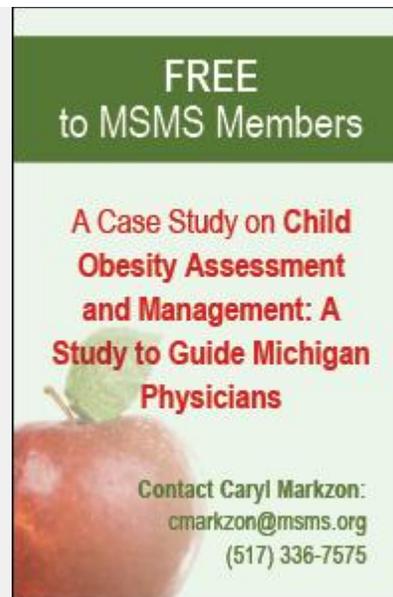
“Physicians and nurses provide the highest quality health care when we work together in collaboration for the well-being of our patients,” said MSMS President Kenneth Elmassian, DO, an Ingham County anesthesiologist. “We believe that this team approach should be supported and kept together by state policies that have the best interest of the patient in mind.”

The bill is expected to be taken up this week on the Senate floor.

### **CALL YOUR SENATOR NOW!**

Urge them to put patients first by voting against scope expansion through legislation, instead of education and training.

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## **Medicaid Expansion Waiver Request Filed by State**



Less than two months after Medicaid expansion legislation was signed into law, the state filed its formal waiver request with the federal Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services to allow people with incomes of up to 133% of the federal poverty level to join Medicaid.

State officials hope to have the application approved before Christmas. Once the waiver is approved, individuals with incomes up to 133% of the federal poverty level will be able to receive coverage beginning in April 2014.

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## MSMS Connects with Members in Corners of the State



*Physicians in Houghton meet  
with MSMS staff.*

This week, key MSMS staff headed to the Upper Peninsula to meet with UP physicians in Marquette, Calumet, Houghton, Iron River, Iron Mountain, and Escanaba. Numerous physicians attended the meetings, which included these leaders: MSMS Board member Jeffrey E. Jacobs, MD, a Houghton County pediatrician; Marquette County Medical Society President J. Bryan Dixon, MD, an orthopedic surgeon; and Delta County Medical Society President Stephen M. Manier, MD, a diagnostic radiologist.

The issues that were brought up were scope of practice, access to care, payer issues (Medicaid, BCBSM, UPHP, Medicare), lack of access to transportation for patients, and more. The trip lasted all week and covered 1,250 miles.



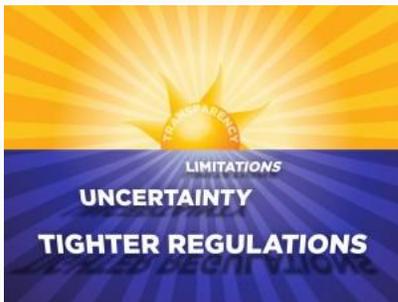
*Wayne County physicians with lawmakers*

Today, MSMS met with members of the Wayne County Medical Society of Southeast Michigan to discuss legislative priorities with three state lawmakers: Rep. George Darany (D-Dearborn); Sen. Hoon-Yung Hopgood (D-Taylor); and Rep. David Knezek (D-Dearborn Heights).

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### **CMS Offers Open Payment Sunshine Rule Webinar**



The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) invites association/medical society staff and members, health care professionals, and practice managers located in CMS

Regions 5, 6, 7 & 8 to attend the Open Payments Sunshine Rule Webinar on Wednesday, November 20, at 1:00 p.m.

The webinar will include an overview of the Physician Payments Sunshine Rule. Section 6002 of the Affordable Care Act requires the establishment of a transparency program, now known as Open Payments. The program increases public awareness of financial relationships between drug and device manufacturers and certain health care providers.

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### **Government Shutdown Might Delay Physician Fee Schedule, Payment Rules**



The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) announced that the annual Medicare physician fee schedule, which traditionally comes out around November 1, might not be released until November 27.

In addition to the 2014 physician fee schedule, three other payment rules will be late: Medicare's End-Stage Renal Disease Prospective Payment System (which also includes information on quality incentives, durable equipment, prosthetics and supplies); changes to the Hospital Outpatient Prospective and Ambulatory Surgical Center payment systems for calendar year 2014; and the Home Health Prospective Payment System final rule for 2014

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**Register for MPRO Institute Seminars**

The Healthcare Performance Improvement Institute at MPRO, an independent nonprofit organization and a national leader in health care quality improvement and medical review, will present three upcoming courses:

- Workflow Processes in the Ambulatory Practice
- EMTALA Essentials: What to Do (And What Not to Do) To Avoid Costly Violations
- Meaningful Use: Stage One, Year One Class

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*Figure 6*



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