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e-News for Friday, November 22, 2013

Stuff Reps' Voice Mailboxes Like a Turkey to Stop SB 2



Despite the legislature being on break for the Thanksgiving holiday,

MSMS encourages you to keep reaching out to your own state representative to stop [Senate Bill 2](#), either while they are home in their districts or by leaving a voice mail for their return to Lansing.

The Michigan Senate voted [20-18](#) to pass an amended version of the bill, 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. The bill has been assigned to the House Health Policy Committee.

Upcoming Events

Complete Coding Updates for 2014

December 3 in Troy;
December 4 in Grand Rapids;
December 5 in East Lansing;
December 5 - Webinar

Learn the most up-to-date information on the new CPT codes to be used January 1 and information about the ICD-9 codes that you should have been using for the past months.

[Register Now >>](#)

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

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“Senate Bill 2 is bad medicine,” said MSMS President Kenneth Elmassian, DO, an Ingham County anesthesiologist, in a [statement](#). “Lawmakers in the state House should do what the Senate wouldn’t—reject this dangerous special interest legislation and instead put patients first.”

Michigan to Allow Health Insurers to Reinststate Canceled Plans



In an effort to aid Michiganders whose health

insurance policies were canceled as a result of the Affordable Care Act (ACA), Michigan Department of Insurance and Financial Services Director (DIFS) Ann Flood announced today that, after careful review and analysis, Michigan is allowing health insurers to reinstate canceled policies.

“The announcement of the federal policy change this close to January 1 came as a surprise,” said Flood. “We considered the difficulties that this change will create for insurers, but the decision came down to the fact that consumers in Michigan deserve to have options, particularly given the difficulty they’ve had accessing the federal Marketplace.”

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other health care professionals are prepared for the October 1, 2014 implementation.

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Scope of Practice, ACA, SGR, ICD-10 Debated at AMA Interim Meeting



The Michigan Delegation to the AMA took leadership roles on a number of issues last week at the AMA Interim House of Delegates meeting in Washington, DC.

SCOPE OF PRACTICE - AMA policy now clearly defines physicians as the health care team leader thanks to a clarifying amendment from the Michigan Delegation.

ACA - Numerous resolutions to address real and perceived problems with the Affordable Care Act were considered at the AMA Interim meeting. One of broad concern addressed the cancellation of policies resulting from the ACA.

ICD-10 - A new AMA policy adopted at the Interim meeting calls for federal "funding assistance...to alleviate the implementation costs, upgrades, and staff training necessitated as part of the transition to ICD-10."

[More>>](#)

Accountable Care Organizations (ACO) Legal Alert

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AMA Will Urge Greater CDC Role in Combating Prescription Drug Abuse



Also during the recent AMA Interim Meeting, physicians voted to [endorse a proposal](#) for

a more constructive public health approach to preventing deaths from prescription pain medications. The proposal calls on the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC) to help fill the gap for actionable information needed to develop appropriate solutions to address the growing epidemic of prescription drug abuse.

The AMA offers a [host of resources](#) to help physicians better understand trends in unintentional prescription opioid overdoses and the public health response, including a free webinar.

MSMS Efforts & Resources:

--With direction from the House of Delegates this year, MSMS reintroduced the Mental Health & Substance Abuse Committee, which is working on the overuse of opioids, what physicians can do to provide alternatives and education on the use of opioids, and how to help serve those patients who are addicted to opioids.

--[July/August 2013 issue](#) – Opioid Use on the Rise: Is the Pen Mightier Than the Alternatives When It Comes to Chronic Pain Management?

--[September/October 2013 issue](#) - Opioid Abuse Puts Physicians Between a Rock and a Hard Place

CHRT Offers Webcast of ACA 'Hearsay or Fact' Symposium



If you weren't able to attend the Affordable Care Act panel/symposium on November 4 sponsored by Knight-

Wallace Fellows at the University of Michigan, the U-M Center for Healthcare Research & Transformation (CHRT), the U-M Institute for Healthcare Policy & Innovation, and Michigan Radio, you are in luck. The program has been archived as a [webcast](#).

The event, titled "ObamaCare: Hearsay or Fact - A Symposium on the Communication of the Affordable Care Act," brought together national health policy experts and prominent media members for a dynamic discussion on the past and present communication of the Affordable Care Act.

Figure 6



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