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1. MSMS, Partners Launch Executive Council of Physician Organizations



The Michigan State Medical Society and its partners are proud to announce the formation of the Executive Council of Physician Organizations, an entity to advance quality improvement, clinical transformation and patient engagement in ways that maintain the sustainability of independent physician practice.

"The business of medical practice was always difficult,

but it has become more complex as physicians face changes in payment models and automation from paper to electronic systems," said Julie L. Novak, CEO of the Michigan State Medical Society. "MSMS believes by working together with our partners on the Executive Council of Physician Organizations we will create a health care environment that allows physicians to focus on providing the best possible care to their patients."

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Beyond Checking the Box: Legalities and Practicalities of HIT

February 17, 2015
Detroit Marriott Troy

Health information technology (HIT) is creating many challenges for physicians and other health care professionals as they work to understand how to marry technology with practice transformation goals. The presenters of this course will provide attendees with practical advice to help manage the various opportunities and requirements associated with the implementation of HIT tools and resources in medical practice.

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PCMH: Supporting Patients through Population Health

March 4, 2015
Detroit Marriott Troy

The Patient Centered Medical Home is physician-led and rooted in primary care. It emphasizes patient satisfaction by enhancing the quality of coordinated care and utilizing specific performance measures and incentives with potential cost-savings to the health care system. Population health and the management of chronic disease are accentuated in this health care delivery model.

2. Future of Medicaid Primary Care Uplift



The Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH) recently released a final bulletin (MSA 14-61) which explains how increased payments for Medicaid primary care services (uplifts) rendered by primary care physicians will be paid in 2015. MSMS advocated for

practice characteristics (60% of specified evaluation and management codes) to be added as one of the eligibility criteria. We are happy to report that provision was included in the final version.

The current Medicaid primary care uplift was authorized by the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA). Because it is set to expire at the end of 2014, the Michigan Legislature included a partial continuation of the Medicaid primary care enhanced rates to Medicare rates beyond December 31, 2014 in the Fiscal Year 2015 MDCH budget (Section 1801 of Public Act 252 of 2014).

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3. Med Students Lobby for GME Funding, Vaccinations at State Capitol

Earlier this week, more than 70 medical students from across Michigan came to the State Capitol in Lansing for the Michigan State Medical Society's Medical Student Section Lobby Day. This annual event is meant to inspire students to become more politically aware and active in their society. Physicians have a tremendous ability to shape decisions around health policy and Medical Student Section Lobby Day provides students with an opportunity to experience this process early in their medical careers.

Throughout the day, medical students from Michigan State University, University of Michigan, Wayne State University, and Western Michigan University discussed GME funding, vaccinations, and reinstating the motorcycle helmet law with many lawmakers.

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4. Compliance Essentials You Need to Know in 2015

January 28, 2015 at the Detroit Marriott Troy

Register now for the conference which is designed to help physicians, medical staff and Physician Organizations stay up-to-date on the latest compliance rules, deadlines and obligations. You will learn about government initiatives that impact care delivery and billing, as well as the latest enforcement trends.

Intended for Physicians, PO Administrators, Practice Consultants, Office Administrators and other health care professionals, this course will cover:

- Regulatory Issues
 - HIPAA - Are You Compliant?
 - STARK Best Practices

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5. 'Tis the Season to Invest in your Profession



As you plan to celebrate the holiday season, consider the importance of what the Michigan State Medical Society has accomplished for your profession in the last year.

Here's a sampling:

- Primary care uplift payments were expedited
- Stopping nurse scope expansion
- Guiding you through Affordable Care Act requirements
- Helping your practice achieve Meaningful Use of EHR
- Preparing your practice for ICD-10
- Fighting to repeal the failing SGR formula
- Protecting graduate medical education funding

Now think of what lies ahead in 2015 for medicine... are you prepared to go it alone with so many changes on the horizon?

By renewing your MSMS membership dues now, you won't have to. You will have the peace of mind of knowing that you can start the New Year with a silent partner in your corner and an advocate at the highest levels of government.

And renewing now could save you money at tax time. The MSMS portion of your combined MSMS/County Medical Society dues are 92% tax deductible.*

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