



Valuable insights on ACOs



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Before You Head to the MSMS House of Delegates Meeting...

Streets are clear enough in Grand Rapids to get to the Amway Grand Plaza Hotel this weekend for the 148th annual MSMS House of Delegates meeting! [Contact hotel for updates>>](#)

Planning to use Twitter while at the meeting? Be sure to tag your tweets #msmshod.

Don't forget to RSVP to attend these FREE events:

Physician Issues Forum –12:00 – 2:00 p.m. (boxed lunch)

Featuring these topics/speakers:

- "Doctor & Patient: 3,000 Years of Trying to Get it Right;" Richard I. Levin, MD, FACP, FACC, FAHA, President & CEO, The Arnold P. Gold Foundation
- "Will Medicaid Expansion Make it to Michigan?"; Vernon K. Smith, PhD, Managing Principal, Health Management Associates
- "Activate Your Political Voice," Mohammed A. Arsiwala, MD, MBBS, BS, Chair, Michigan Doctors' Political Action Committee

CME programs – 2:30 – 4:30 p.m.

- Physicians Guide to Identifying and Treating Mental Health in their Practice
- Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan's Strategy for Payment Reform

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

Smaller and shorter version of the popular fall Scientific Meeting, featuring clinical education.

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Drastic Nurse Scope Expansion Bill Looms – Stop it in Its Tracks!

A Senate committee recently passed Senate Bill 2, introduced by **Sen. Mark Jansen** (R-Grand Rapids), which aims to change the Public Health Code to allow a sweeping expansion of scope of practice for advanced practice registered nurses (APRNs), allowing them to perform certain medical and even surgical procedures, as well as prescribing duties, without physician supervision or oversight. It poses significant consequences to the delivery of quality health care by placing patients at greater risk of errors, bad outcomes, etc.

The next step is the Senate floor. And unless senators hear from more physicians, there's a good chance they will pass it. It's time to tell senators that scope expansions should come through education and training ("Educate, Don't Legislate"), and NOT through legislative means.

Let's stop this dangerous and unnecessary bill in its tracks! Stop by the MSMS booth at the House of Delegates meeting this weekend to take action. Or...

[Send electronic message to your senator>>](#)

[Call your senator>>](#)

Next Stop for Commonsense Prior Auth Bills? The Governor's Desk

Today, the Michigan House of Representatives passed Senate Bills 178 and 179, which were born in response to calls from Michigan physicians to improve patients' access to the best care by creating a universal prior authorization form for prescription drugs. The bills, championed by state **Sen. Tonya Schuitmaker** (R-Lawton) and state **Rep. Gail Haines** (R-Waterford), now head to the governor's desk for signature.

MSMS President **John G. Bizon, MD**, a Calhoun County otolaryngologist, praised the legislature's efforts in a statement: "Lawmakers today sent a clear message to families across the state that when it comes to health care, patients come first."

[News release>>](#)

Federal Bills Aim to Increase Residency Slots

A popular topic in the slate of [resolutions](#) at this year's House of Delegates meeting is the issue of increasing residency slots.

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Currently, MSMS and the AMA are supporting bills in the US House and Senate that will do just that.

In March, the Resident Physician Shortage Act was introduced in the Senate, and the bipartisan Training Tomorrow's Doctors Today Act was introduced to the House of Representatives. The bills aim to help meet the nation's increasing demand for new physicians by funding an additional 15,000 Medicare-supported graduate medical education (GME) positions over the next five years.

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PIA Can Protect You from the Effects of Disabilities

According to the Council for Disability Awareness, the chances of the average person becoming disabled are higher than you probably think. If an injury or illness prevented you from practicing in your specialty, did you know that you could be trained in another specialty or completely switch careers if you have the right disability coverage?

As [Disability Insurance Awareness Month](#) approaches in May, the MSMS Physicians Insurance Agency (PIA) reminds members that it offers you protection and peace of mind through disability coverage from Ameritas Life. This coverage offers the strongest definition of "Occupational Protection" in the disability insurance industry, and by getting it through Physicians Insurance Agency, MSMS members receive a 15% premium discount.

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