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Upcoming Events

Patients Will Suffer if Nurse Scope Bill Passes

Now, more than ever, the health care system needs to integrate and strengthen its physician-led team approach, not become more fragmented. But that is exactly what [Senate Bill 2](#) will do, if passed. The bill, sponsored by **Sen. Mark Jansen** (R-Grand Rapids), seeks to make sweeping changes to the Public Health Code to authorize advanced practice registered nurses (APRNs) to diagnose, treat, and write potentially dangerous prescriptions—all without adequate education or training, and without even collaborating with a physician, putting patients at serious risk.

MSMS has been working tirelessly in Lansing with nearly 30 other health organizations to defeat the dangerous and unnecessary bill. But 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 from constituents.
- 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.
- 3) [COME TO LANSING](#) – Session days are running out, but you can still participate in the MSMS-MDPAC Doctor of the Day program to meet with lawmakers in person. (Or call their offices to connect with them in your district.)

Medicaid Expansion Remains Unresolved; CPAN 'FOIAs' More Info

This week, state legislature leaders announced that FY 2013-14 budget bills will be completed on time, but they will not include a Medicaid expansion. There's been speculation in Lansing that it could be addressed later this year in the form of a supplemental

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appropriations bill. MSMS continues to work with the [Expand Medicaid](#) coalition to urge 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.

Last week, an alternate bill was introduced that proposed limiting Medicaid coverage for "able-bodied adults" to four years. That bill continues to be debated in a House committee. [Read more in blog>>](#)

CPAN Wants MCCA to Cough Up Info

On Tuesday, the Coalition Protecting Auto No-fault (CPAN), of which MSMS is a member, submitted a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request to the Department of Insurance & Financial Services Director in an attempt to get information from the Michigan Catastrophic Claims Association (MCCA). Also, CPAN has filed a lawsuit against the MCCA insisting that the MCCA should have to respond to its FOIA requests. The MCCA asserts that it isn't subject to the FOIA. [More>>](#)

Are You Ready for Sunshine? AMA Offers Tips, Resources

AMA President **Jeremy Lazarus, MD**, authored a guest column recently for KevinMD called "The Physician Payment Sunshine Act is here: Are you ready?" In the blog, Doctor Lazarus points to research that shows many doctors don't know what to expect from the Sunshine Act.

An excerpt: "Here is what you need to know right now: Beginning in August, pharmaceutical and medical device companies must begin tracking information on their interactions with physicians, which they will report to CMS from that point forward. CMS is creating a public database on its website that will display the information reported by the pharmaceutical, biologic and medical device companies. This database will go live in September of 2014."

[Read column>>](#)

Not only will the AMA host an informational session about the Sunshine Act during its annual House of Delegates meeting in June, but it also offers abundant resources online. [Sunshine Act resources>>](#)

State Moves Forward on Mental Health Workgroups

This week, **Lt. Gov. Brian Calley** announced that the state's Mental Health & Wellness Commission, created by Gov. Rick Snyder in February, established these five [workgroups](#) to strengthen mental health resources in the state:

--Workgroup No. 1 (education, employment and veteran items) will



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be headed by Sen. **Rebekah Warren** (D-Ann Arbor).

--Workgroup No. 2 (housing, independent living support and long term care) will be headed by Michigan Department of Community Health Director **Jim Haveman**.

--Workgroup No. 3 (mental and physical health integration and services delivery) will be led by **Rep. Phil Cavanagh** (R-Redford Twp.).

--Workgroup No. 4 (public safety, beneficiary rights and protection items) will be headed by **Rep. Matt Lori** (R-Constantine).

--Workgroup No. 5 (societal impacts, data and stigma reduction and awareness) will be led by **Sen. Bruce Caswell** (R-Hillsdale).

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