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Upcoming Events

Expanding on the Expansion? New Medicaid Bill Coming

During this and recent weeks, the House Michigan Competitiveness Committee has held a series of meetings on [HB 4714](#), the bill that aims to reform Medicaid as an alternative to expanding the state-run program, as Gov. Rick Snyder has proposed doing. State Rep. Mike Shirkey (R-Clarklake), who chairs the Committee, is expected to unveil a substitute bill next week. [Read blog>>](#)

House leadership has announced that a proposed 48-month cap on Medicaid coverage for able-bodied adults—a major point of controversy in HB 4714—is likely to remain.

MSMS continues 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.

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Fourteen Health Plans Apply for Health Insurance Exchange

This week, the Michigan Department of Insurance & Financial Services (DIFS) announced it has received filing information from 14 health insurance companies seeking inclusion in the federally-run Michigan health insurance exchange, set to launch on October 1.

Companies:

- Alliance Health and Life Insurance Company
- Blue Care Network of Michigan
- Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan
- Consumers Mutual Insurance of Michigan (CO-OP)
- Health Alliance Plan

Navigating the PQRS Puzzle

Tuesday, June 11 (webinar)

-OR-

Thursday, June 27 (MSMS Headquarters, East Lansing)

This program will help ease your anxiety about reporting measures for the 2013 Physician Quality Reporting System by spelling out what it is and explaining how you can earn the incentive.

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Transitioning to Accountable Care Organizations

Wednesday, September 18

The Inn at St. John's, Plymouth

Accountable Care Organizations have the potential to improve the population's health and slow spiraling health care costs. Learn more about how they bring providers together to manage the broad spectrum of care for a population of patients.

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--Humana Medical Plan of Michigan, Inc.
 --McLaren Health Plan
 --Meridian Health Plan of Michigan, Inc.
 --Molina Healthcare of Michigan
 --Physicians Health Plan
 --Priority Health
 --Priority Health Insurance Company
 --Total Health Care USA
 --United Healthcare Life Insurance Company

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Testing Medicare Payment Models Worth a Cool Billion to the Feds

Physicians and other health professionals are encouraged to apply for funds to develop innovative payment concepts that reward quality and keep federal costs down. The Center for Medicare & Medicaid Innovation recently announced it has \$1 billion to invest in new payment models to support initiatives that improve care in federal health programs.

The Center will award grants to organizations seeking to develop and test new payment models that promise to deliver better health care services by grappling with health care problems considered the costliest for Medicare, Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program. [More>>](#)

[Apply for a grant>>](#)

Apply for Student Loan Repayment Program by June 30

The Michigan State Loan Repayment Program (MSLRP) provides loan repayment assistance to medical, dental, and mental health care providers who enter into MSLRP service obligations. These service obligations require participants to provide full-time primary health care services to ambulatory populations at eligible, not-for-profit practice sites located in Health Professional Shortage Areas (HPSAs) for a period of two years.

The MSLRP Program Opportunity Update includes more details:

--Application Period ends June 30
 --Contribution requirement remains at 20% for most employers
 --Obstetric service providers remain priority
 --Program requirements and selection criteria
 --Length and amount of MSLRP agreements
 --Providers also applying to the National Health Services Corps
 --Partnering with local foundations to recruit and retain primary care providers

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