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e-News for Friday, June 14, 2013

Upcoming Events

Bipartisanship Rules As Medicaid Expansion Passes House



MSMS, Wayne County Medical Society of Southeast Michigan leaders and Detroit-area lawmakers meet this morning to address Medicaid expansion and other policy issues.

After a marathon session last night, the Michigan House of Representatives voted 76-31—with 28 Republicans joining 47 Democrats and one Independent—to pass House Bill 4714, which will expand Medicaid eligibility to more than 400,000 people. MSMS has worked closely with key leaders such as bill sponsors Rep. Matt Lori (R-Constantine) and Rep. Al Pscholka (R-Stevensville), and Rep. Mike Shirkey (R-Clarklake), who chairs the committee that steered the bill to the House floor. The bill now moves to the Senate.

“This is great for patients!” said MSMS President Kenneth Elmassian, DO, an Ingham County anesthesiologist.

“Representatives Shirkey, Lori and Pscholka have done a marvelous job in bringing this reform to the forefront. We will continue to work with leaders in the Senate to move this before they adjourn for the summer.”

The bill ultimately empowers patients by holding them accountable for their health. It would allow a waiver to be sought from the federal government to allow those with incomes between 100% and 133% of the federal poverty level to contribute not more than 5% of income expenses from month 7 through month 48 in the program. After month 48, individuals could either purchase insurance through the federal insurance exchange or remain on Medicaid and pay up to 7% of their income toward cost-sharing.

Keep pressure on senators to pass the bill before next Thursday, which is their last session day before summer break.

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Navigating the PQRS Puzzle

Thursday, June 27 (MSMS Headquarters OR webinar)

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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Anatomy 2.0 - ICD-10 for Orthopedic Coding & Anatomy 2.0 - ICD-10 for Surgical Specialties

June 20, Grand Rapids

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Doctor Davis, UM Tapped to Expand Patient Web Platform

Matthew M. Davis, MD, a primary care physician and health services researcher at the University of Michigan, and his team at UM have been asked by the Patient Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI) in Washington, DC, to expand on their web-based platform called WellSpringboard, which is a prototype designed to enable patients to propose ideas and pledge funds for clinical research.

An independent, not-for-profit group established by the Affordable Care Act, PCORI on June 3 awarded the UM research team with its top prize of \$40,000 from the PCORI Challenge, a competition seeking novel approaches to connecting researchers with patients. PCORI's mission is to fund research that will provide patients, their caregivers and clinicians with the evidence-based information needed to make better-informed health care decisions

Doctor Davis also serves as Chief Medical Officer for the Michigan Department of Community Health. [Watch Doctor Davis in WellSpringboard proposal video>>](#)

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