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e-News for Wednesday, July 3, 2013

Upcoming Events

ACA Employer Mandate Delayed – What You Should Know

Yesterday, the White House announced that the Affordable Care Act (ACA) employer mandate has been delayed to buy more time to simplify reporting requirements and to adapt health coverage and reporting systems.

Commonly referred to as the “pay or play” rule, this provision requires employers with 50 or more employees to offer health insurance coverage or pay a penalty, which is:

- No coverage: \$2,000 X (# full-time employees – 30)
- Unaffordable Coverage: Lesser of no coverage provision above or \$3,000 X (# of full-time employees receiving tax credits)

Originally, the enforcement of this penalty was scheduled to begin on January 1, 2014. It has now been delayed until January 1, 2015, according to Assistant Treasury Secretary for Tax Policy Mark Mazur.

[Read details in his blog>>](#)

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They Came, They Saw, But Didn't Conquer Medicaid Expansion...Yet

The Michigan Senate went back to work and back to basics today as the Healthy Michigan Plan (HB 4714) was addressed on the floor. Because of the physical and technical renovations currently

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underway in the Capitol building, votes on a motion to discharge the bill had to be taken the old-fashioned way: by voice count. The motion, however, did not pass.

Members of the Senate Government Operations Committee, where the bill remains, met briefly before session today to schedule biweekly work group sessions this summer. Also, two Democrats were added to the Committee yesterday, which now includes: Sen. Roger Kahn, MD (R-Saginaw); Sen. Darwin Booher (R-Evart); Sen. Dave Robertson (R-Grand Blanc); Sen. Bruce Caswell (R-Hillsdale); Sen. John Pappageorge (R-Troy); Sen. Jim Marleau (R-Lake Orion); Sen. Glenn Anderson (D-Westland); and Sen. Vincent Gregory (D-Detroit).

The Senate did vote on its summer schedule, which is as follows:

--Wednesday, July 17 at 10:00 a.m.
 --Wednesday, July 31 at 10:00 a.m.
 --Wednesday, August 14 at 10:00 a.m.
 --Tuesday, August 27 at 12:00 p.m.
 --Wednesday, August 28 at 12:00 p.m.

Don't forget to reach out to your own senators in your community while they are home for the summer! [Contact info>>](#)

MSMS Urges Caution with 4th of July Fireworks

In 2011, the last year for which statistics are currently available, emergency rooms in the United States treated an estimated 9,600 people for fireworks related injuries and in the month surrounding July 4th, an average of 200 people per day head to the emergency room with fireworks related injuries. According to the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention, more than 40% of those suffering firework related injuries each year are under 15 years of age.

"Serious injuries, burns and trips to the ER are an all-too-common part of the 4th, but they don't have to be," said MSMS President Kenneth Elmassian, DO, an Ingham County anesthesiologist.

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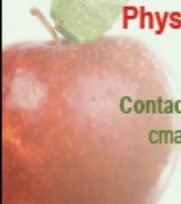
Doctor Elmassian Chats with *Crain's* about the Future of Health Care

Shortly after he took the reins as President of MSMS, Kenneth Elmassian, DO, an Ingham County anesthesiologist, sat down with health care reporter Jay Greene of *Crain's Detroit Business* to discuss the physician-patient relationship, health policy issues, the business side of medicine, and more.

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