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Upcoming Events

It's Go Time! Medicaid Expansion Vote Expected Next Week



Christopher Milback, MD, Oakland County Medical Society Board Member (2nd from left), speaks at Gov. Snyder's Healthy Michigan Forum in Novi on Wednesday.

The Michigan Senate is readying for a vote next week on the Healthy Michigan Plan that aims to expand Medicaid. The vote has hinged on the

ability of the Senate majority to get enough votes in the GOP caucus to pass the measure, which leadership seems confident in, by most accounts in the media this week.

MSMS urges you to [contact your senator today](#) to urge support of Medicaid expansion.

If passed, the Healthy Michigan Plan would expand and reform Medicaid eligibility to those with incomes up to 133% of the federal poverty level. It also would encourage enrollees to play a more active role in their overall health and take more responsibility for managing their health care costs by using health savings accounts. The plan would offer enrollees incentives to make healthier lifestyle choices and make less costly health care

Transitioning to Accountable Care Organizations

Wednesday, September 18
Plymouth

Accountable Care Organizations present a natural progression in the delivery of patient-centered care as they bring providers together to manage the broad spectrum of care for a population of patients.

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The Patient Centered Medical Home: Coordinated Care, Optimal Outcomes

Tuesday, October 22
Somerset Inn, Troy

Physician-led and rooted in primary care, PCMH emphasizes patient satisfaction by enhancing the quality of coordinated care utilizing specific performance measures and incentives with potential cost-savings to the health care system. Offers two tracks: beginning and advanced.

choices (e.g., urgent care instead of emergency room).

Why Should You Care about September 23?



September 23, is the date that federal enforcement of the Final Omnibus HIPAA Rule kicks

in. The Rule, which took effect earlier this year, makes a number of revisions to the HIPAA privacy, security, enforcement, and breach notification rules. Updating Notice of Privacy Practices (NPPs) and Business Associate Agreements (BAAs) are just a couple of the actions physicians need to take to ensure compliance with the new Rule. Physicians also need to be aware of revisions that address how business associates are defined, limitations on marketing purposes, patient rights to electronic copies of their medical records, disclosure of child immunization proof to schools, what constitutes a breach of information, and patient rights to restrict certain disclosures of protected health information to their health plan if paying out-of-pocket.

MSMS Legal Counsel has prepared a [members-only guidance document](#) to help you understand these changes and their new obligations. Check out this document to learn more about the Rule, review frequently asked questions, and access sample NPP and BAA templates.

Also, MSMS is updating its popular HIPAA Guide. *If you have questions and/or would like a copy of the Guide, contact Stacey Hettiger at 517-336-5766 or shettiger@msms.org.*

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Remind Patients to Get Back-to-School Immunizations



As parents are busy buying backpacks, notebooks and school clothes for the upcoming school year, it's incumbent on physicians and other health care providers to remind them not

leave the most important item off their list.

"As parents prepare to send their children back-to-school in a few weeks, it is important they make sure each child is up-to-date with his or her immunizations," said MSMS President Kenneth Elmassian, DO, an Ingham County anesthesiologist, at an MSMS news conference this month that is still garnering [state and national news headlines](#).

Each year, hundreds of children in Michigan become ill from diseases that could have been prevented and with immunization rates dropping in Michigan, the number of dangerous infections is likely to increase. In 2011, the last year for which statistics are available, less than 72% of Michigan residents, including children, were up to date on their recommended vaccines, leading to dangerous outbreaks of preventable diseases.

[Read more>>](#)

Accountable Care Organizations (ACO) Legal Alert

What physicians need to know under the Medicare Shared Savings Program:

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