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Upcoming Events

Medicaid Expansion Passes, But Implementation Delayed



Doctor Elmassian speaks at Gov. Snyder's Medicaid news conference on Tuesday.

On Tuesday night, the Senate passed the [Healthy Michigan Plan](#), which will expand Medicaid coverage to some 470,000 Michigan patients.

“Every discussion about health care and health policy in Lansing should start and end with what is best for Michigan patients. The Healthy Michigan Plan puts patients first, helping more families receive the health care they so

desperately need while being responsible with residents’ tax dollars,” said MSMS President Kenneth Elmassian, DO, an Ingham County anesthesiologist, in a statement. “We applaud members of the state Senate for remembering what is important and putting patients first.”

However, there is still a question of when the law will take effect.

Because the Senate made changes to the bill, it is required to make a motion and vote on giving it immediate effect before sending it to the House for concurrence. This action fell two votes short on Tuesday.

If the Senate does nothing, the bill cannot go into effect until the expiration of 90 days following the sine die adjournment of the Legislature. That would likely put the effective date in late March. Watch *Medigram* and www.msms.org for further developments.

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Employers Must Notify Employees of Insurance Marketplace



While much of the media attention regarding the [Affordable Care Act \(ACA\)](#) has focused on individual and employer coverage mandates, physicians who are employers must also be aware of various notice and reporting requirements. One such requirement is a notice from

employers making their full- and part-time employees aware of the ability to purchase health insurance coverage through the Health Insurance Marketplace (formerly called the Exchange), which becomes operational October 1, 2013. Current employees must receive this notice prior to this date. For employees employed after October 1, 2013, the notice must be provided at time of hire or within 14 days of their start date if hired after January 1, 2014.

The US Department of Labor has template documents that can be used to meet this requirement – one is for employers offering health insurance and the other is for employers who do not offer health insurance.

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