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Upcoming Events

MSMS Leaders Push SGR Repeal in DC; AMA Launches SGR Website



(l to r) Doctor Sandler, Sen. Stabenow, Doctor Arsiwala

In our continued effort to push for repeal of the failing sustainable growth rate (SGR) formula for Medicare physician reimbursements, MSMS leaders flew to Washington, DC, this week to discuss with key lawmakers from the Michigan Congressional Delegation pending legislation that aims

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Wednesday, October 9, Troy
Monday, October 30, Webinar
Wednesday, November 6, Troy

This series will focus on teaching physicians to become top-notch business leaders while remaining exceptional physicians. It will feature practical information presented by physicians in the trenches.

(l to r) Doctor Edwards, Congressman Upton to overhaul the problematic reimbursement system. The legislation also would replace the SGR with a new Medicare physician payment update based on performance under an expanded physician quality reporting system (PQRS), and provide for an initial five years of positive updates at 0.5% per year.

Leaders in attendance: Michigan Doctors' Political Action Committee Chair Mohammed A. Arsiwala, MD, a Wayne County internist; MSMS Past Board Chair Kenneth J. Edwards, MD, a Berrien County orthopedic surgeon; and MSMS Past President Michael A. Sandler, MD, a Wayne County radiologist. They met with Congressman Dan Benishek, MD (R-Crystal Falls), Congressman Dave Camp (R-Midland), Congressman Fred Upton (R-St. Joseph), and Sen. Debbie Stabenow (D-MI).

Bookmark New AMA Website

The AMA recently launched a new website to engage both patients and physicians in the campaign to repeal the SGR, and also educate policymakers on Capitol Hill on the urgent need to do so. Also, the site will function as a recruitment tool, enlisting Americans from all walks of life and all over the country to sign-up and join the campaign via social media channels and a variety of online marketing efforts; an advocacy platform that integrates grassroots alerts and calls to action for activists to email, call, and utilize social media to spur lawmakers to act; and an interactive information portal that will house videos, online info-graphics, and other resources that effectively make the case for SGR repeal.

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(CMS) series of regional webinars and teleconferences next week for physicians and other health care providers that will feature CMS Chief Medical Officers and CMS Health Insurance Marketplace State Leads. Because of various changes in scheduling, CMS had to streamline the events into one teleconference and webinar for all Region V states.

The new date is: [September 25, 12pm EST](#). Once you register, you may call in and/or log onto the webinar to view the slide presentation.

It is imperative that physicians understand [Health Insurance Marketplace](#) principles that will enable them to better communicate with their patients and explain how to enroll in their state. Use the MSMS Affordable Care Act resource page to find information and resources relating to other provisions of the law: www.msms.org/aca.

Medicaid's Done, But Much Remains on MSMS Legislative Agenda



One of MSMS's major advocacy goals for the year, the Medicaid expansion bill, was

signed into law this week. But that doesn't mean our legislative advocacy efforts take a breather now. MSMS is gearing up for the full legislative session schedule to start back up soon, and here's a quick update of some hot items on our slate:

NURSE SCOPE OF PRACTICE - [Senate Bill 2](#) aims to authorize nurse practitioners to diagnose, treat, and write potentially dangerous prescriptions—all without adequate education or training, and without even collaborating with a physician, putting patients at serious risk. The bill awaits action on the Senate floor. [Senate Bill 180](#) would essentially eliminate physicians from anesthesia and pain management teams by

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allowing nurse anesthetists to practice without physician supervision. The bill remains in the Senate Health Policy Committee.

AUTO NO-FAULT REFORM – [House Bill 4612](#)

would essentially gut Michigan’s model auto no-fault law and replace it with a dangerous system that relies instead on expensive lawsuits, higher health insurance premiums for families and a cost shift from insurance companies onto the state’s cash-strapped Medicaid system. MSMS, as part of the Coalition Protecting Auto No-Fault (CPAN), strongly opposes the measure. The bill remains on the House floor.

PATIENT’S RIGHT TO KNOW - MSMS helped launch [House Bill 4524](#), which would require medical professionals to wear and display their credentials both in the office and/or hospital, as well as in any advertising promoting their services. Nicknamed “Patient’s Right to Know,” the bill aims to empower patients by giving them the most accurate information about whom is treating them and what their health care provider is trained and licensed to do. The bill remains in the House Health Policy Committee.

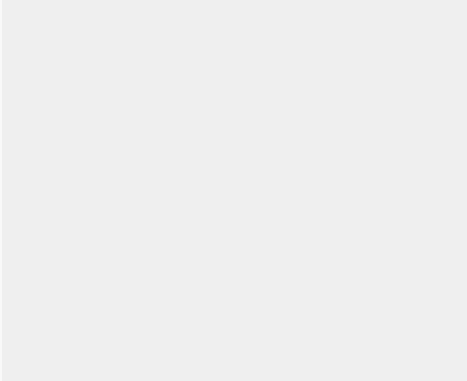
INDOOR TANNING BAN – MSMS worked to introduce House Bills [4404](#) and [4405](#), which collectively would protect Michigan teens from the escalating risk of certain types of cancer (e.g., melanoma, squamous cell carcinoma, ocular melanoma) by prohibiting minors from using indoor tanning facilities. The bills await action in the House Regulatory Reform Committee.

***e-Medigram* Garners Association Award**



On Wednesday, *Medigram* took home the Gold Honorable Mention at the Michigan Society of

Association Executives (MSAE) Diamond Awards in the category of electronic newsletter. It was the first time that we entered in that category! MSAE runs this annual statewide awards program to recognize outstanding achievements in the association industry by highlighting the accomplishments, the programs, projects, and initiatives Michigan associations have created and implemented.



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