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1. Bipartisan SGR Repeal Bill Ready for Congress



This week, joint legislation to repeal Medicare's failed SGR formula advanced to both chambers of Congress following an agreement announced Thursday by the three committees that put forth repeal bills earlier this session.

Not only did the agreement get the blessing of the congressional Doctors Caucus, but it also included plenty of bipartisan Michigan muscle. The agreement was forged by the US House Energy & Commerce Committee, including chair Congressman Fred Upton (R-St. Joseph), Congressmen John Dingell (D-Dearborn) and Mike Rogers (R-Brighton); the US House Ways & Means Committee, including chair Congressman Dave Camp (R-Midland) and ranking member Congressman Sander Levin (D-Royal Oak); and the US Senate Finance Committee, including Sen. Debbie Stabenow (D-Lansing).

Leaders from MSMS will head to Washington, DC, for the AMA National Advocacy Conference in early March to meet with

Upcoming Events

ICD-10-CM Boot Camp

February 27-28, 2014
Somerset Inn - Troy

This two-day program will ensure that physicians, coders, billers, managers and other health care professionals are prepared for the October 1, 2014 implementation of ICD-10-CM.

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lawmakers and urge passage of the repeal. Time is ticking as Congress works against a March 31 deadline, at which point the SGR formula calls for a 24% cut to physician reimbursements.

[AMA up-to-the-minute SGR coverage >>](#)

2. HHS Bolsters Patients' Access to Lab Reports



As part of an ongoing effort to empower patients to be informed partners with their health care providers, the US Department of Health & Human Services (HHS) has taken action to give patients or a person designated by the

patient a means of direct access to the patient's completed laboratory test reports.

The [final rule](#) announced Monday amends the Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments of 1988 (CLIA) regulations to allow laboratories to give a patient, or a person designated by the patient, his or her "personal representative," access to the patient's completed test reports on the patient's or patient's personal representative's request. At the same time, the final rule eliminates the exception under the HIPAA Privacy Rule to an individual's right to access his or her protected health information when it is held by a CLIA-certified or CLIA-exempt laboratory.

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3. Medicare Reforms Garner Big Savings, Quality Improvements



The US Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) recently released findings on a number of its initiatives to reform the health care delivery system. These include interim financial results for select Medicare Accountable Care

Organization (ACO) initiatives, an in-depth savings analysis for Pioneer ACOs, results from the Physician Group Practice demonstration, and expanded participation in the Bundled Payments for Care Improvement Initiative. Savings from both the Medicare ACOs and Pioneer ACOs exceed \$380 million.

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Accountable Care Organizations (ACO) Legal Alert

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4. March Conference Gives Physicians Tools for Long-term Sustainability



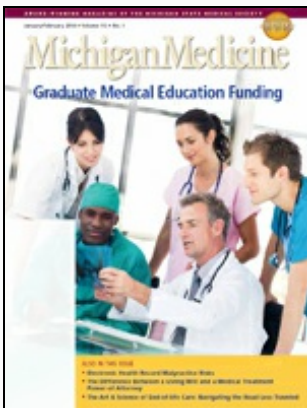
What are the constructs of physician reimbursement in this era of health care reform, and what strategies can you use to capitalize on the returns? Are the requirements the same whether you are an employed physician or have a private practice? The MSMS

Foundation conference on Physician Sustainability & Payment Reform will explore these questions and more on Wednesday, March 26 at the Somerset Inn in Troy.

Hear Rick O'Donnell, Priority Health; Ryan Catignani, Humana; and Tom Simmer, MD, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan, discuss reimbursement strategies. Other experts will speak about topics essential to the successful practice of medicine today in a variety of settings.

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5. Magazine Spotlights Need for More GME Funding, Residency Slots



As graduate medical education funding is debated in Lansing and as residency programs struggle to keep talent in the state, the latest issue of [Michigan Medicine magazine](#) asks an important question: "Michigan Brain Drain: How Many Physicians Are We Losing From Underfunded GME?" Frustration among Michigan physicians, medical students, and hospitals is growing as the federal freeze on residency slots continues to

drive talented young doctors out of the state. Also in this issue: MSMS-Backed EpiPen Law Will Save Children's Lives, Combat Food Allergies at Schools; The Art & Science of End-of-life Care: Navigating the Road Less Traveled; From Babies to Michigan's Newest Medical School, It's All in the Delivery for Doctor Burns; and more.



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