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### 1. Employers Get Some Relief with Relaxed ACA Mandate



This week, the [US Treasury Department](#) announced a second delay to the employer mandate. Here are the major results:

- **OLD RULE:** The employer mandate required employers with 50 or more employees to offer health insurance coverage or face a penalty.
- **NEW RULE: Employers with 50-99 full-time employees not offering health insurance coverage will NOT face a penalty until January 1, 2016.**

• **OLD RULE:** Employers with 100 or more employees were required to offer health insurance coverage to 95% of their full-time employees.

- **NEW RULE: Employers with 100 or more employees must**

## Upcoming Events

### Physician Sustainability & Payment Reform

March 26, 2014  
Somerset Inn - Troy

This conference series is designed to provide physicians and their staff with a knowledge base to help them survive the sweeping impact of health care delivery and reimbursement reforms.

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offer health insurance coverage to at least 70% of their full-time employees and avoid the penalty.

[Federal Register Report on the Final Rules >>](#)

For more information about the employer mandate, contact the [MSMS Physicians Insurance Agency](#).

### Marketplace Enrollment Climbing Among Young Adults

According to the US Department of Health & Human Services (HHS), nearly 3.3 million people signed up by the end of January to get covered for private insurance through the Health Insurance Marketplace. Nearly one in three Americans who have enrolled since October 1 are younger than 35, and in January alone, enrollment among young adults between the ages of 18 and 34 grew by 65% -- more than all other age groups combined. Overall, young adults accounted for 27% of all enrollees in January. That's up three percentage points from the end of December 2013.

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## 2. Free, Live Webinar: The Road to Meaningful Use in 2014



To help physicians and medical practices adapt to the many changes that came about this year regarding Meaningful Use (MU) requirements, MSMS partner Docright will present a [FREE, live webinar](#) on Friday,

February 21, 12:15-1:00 p.m., EST. The webinar will feature speaker Todd Searls, an expert on EHR and MU, who will discuss the changes in MU regulations and requirements. Physicians and practice managers will benefit from hearing about the new penalties, the exact rules for selecting the attestation period, changes from the 2013 criteria and how to satisfy the new criteria, MU audits, security risk assessments, etc.

[Register >>](#)

### EHR Incentive Program Attestation Deadline Extended

The US Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is extending the deadline for eligible professionals to attest to meaningful use for the Medicare EHR Incentive Program 2013 reporting year from 11:59 p.m. ET on February 28, to 11:59 p.m. ET on March 31. In addition, CMS is offering assistance to eligible hospitals that may have experienced difficulty attesting to submit their attestation retroactively and avoid the 2015 payment adjustment.

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### 3. Improving Patient Care Through Evidence Subject of Feb. 25 Webinar



MSMS, the Michigan Primary Care Transformation Project, and the federal Agency for Healthcare Research & Quality (AHRQ) will present a free web conference called "Improving Health Care Decision-making: Comparative Effectiveness

Research," on Tuesday, February 25, 12:00–1:00 p.m. ET.

Participants will learn:

- What comparative effectiveness research is
- How comparative effectiveness research can be used to help improve clinical practice
- How to access and use free AHRQ comparative effectiveness research resources

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### 4. ICD-10 Preparedness: Don't Put It Off!



Do you know the code for toxic effect of unspecified spider venom, assault? Although this code might never be used in your practice, the implementation of ICD-10 will require greater specificity in your

documentation. ICD-10 takes effect on October 1, and MSMS offers several educational opportunities and resources to help prepare you for a successful transition to this massively-expanded coding system.

Upcoming MSMS educational programs:

- "Documentation of E&M: Prepare for ICD-10" - Tuesday, February 18, and Tuesday, March 18, webinar
- "[ICD-10 Boot Camp](#)" - Thursday-Friday, February 27-28, Somerset Inn, Troy
- "ICD-10: Are You Prepared?" - Thursday, March 6, Crowne Plaza, Novi

To register, contact Marcie Barnum at MSMS at 517-336-5724 or [mbarnum@msms.org](mailto:mbarnum@msms.org).

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### 5. Home-Based Primary Care Program

## Reports Decrease in ER Visits



A statewide program to deliver health care services to the homes of patients living with advanced chronic illness has [reported](#) a 47% drop in emergency room and hospital inpatient visits since the program was launched. Priority

Health, a Michigan-based nonprofit health plan owned by Spectrum Health, tested the concept with the Spectrum Health Medical Group in West Michigan for 90 of its patients, before launching its Home-Based Primary Care program in 2013.

The program provides each patient with a primary care team that features a physician, nurse practitioner, registered nurse case manager, and social worker. Through the program, patients receive important routine and preventive care and direct access to care. Patients need to be referred by their primary care physician and meet other qualifications to be eligible.

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