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1. CMS Offers Medicare Claims Testing to Ensure ICD-10 Readiness



This summer, the US Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) will offer to a small sample group of physicians and other health care providers “end-to-end” testing of Medicare claims using the ICD-10 diagnostic and procedure codes. The aim

is to make sure medical practices will be prepared for the October 1 implementation date and that CMS software appropriately supports the ICD-10 claims.

[For more information, contact your Medicare Administrative Contractor >>](#)

Don't Panic! MSMS Offers Courses to Prepare You for ICD-10

The implementation of ICD-10 will require greater specificity in your

Upcoming Events

Physician Sustainability & Payment Reform

March 26, 2014
Lomerset Inn - Troy

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documentation. MSMS offers several educational programs to help prepare physicians and medical office staff for a successful transition to this massively-expanded coding system.

Upcoming MSMS educational programs:

- **ICD-10 Boot Camp** - Thursday-Friday, February 27-28, Somerset Inn in Troy; Thursday-Friday, May 1-2 at Firekeepers in Battle Creek; Thursday-Friday, June 5-6, Weber's Inn in Ann Arbor; and Thursday-Friday, August 21-22, Great Wolf Lodge in Traverse City (All sessions 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.)
- **ICD-10: Are You Prepared?** - Thursday, March 6, 1:00-4:00 p.m., Crowne Plaza in Novi; Thursday, May 15, 1:00-4:00 p.m., The Henry in Dearborn
- **Documentation of E&M: Prepare for ICD-10** - Thursday, March 13, 12:00-1:00 p.m., WEBINAR
- **Train the Trainer: An Advanced ICD-10 Course** - Thursday, March 27, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., Hilton Airport in Grand Rapids; and Wednesday, May 21, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., Somerset Inn in Troy

To register, contact Marcie Barnum at MSMS at 517-336-5724 or mbarnum@msms.org.

2. Latest Auto No-Fault Proposal Includes \$10 Million Cap



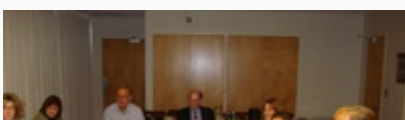
This week, Michigan House Speaker Jase Bolger (R-Marshall) unveiled a proposal to overhaul auto insurance with a \$10 million cap on catastrophic medical benefits.

Under the proposal, the Michigan Catastrophic Claims Association (MCCA) would remain in place, but a new subset of the MCCA would pay claims directly to providers instead of insurers paying first and then billing the MCCA.

MSMS has been a longtime member of the Coalition Protecting Auto No-fault (CPAN), which includes nearly 30 health and consumer groups that aim to prevent an overhaul of Michigan's model auto no-fault insurance system.

[Read CPAN's reaction to the new proposal >>](#)

3. BCBSM, MSMS & MOA Leadership Committee Off to a Strong Start



During the past several years, MSMS and Michigan Osteopathic Association

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(MOA) leadership and staff have met regularly with key Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan (BCBSM) leaders and staff through the TriStaff

and Physician & Participating Provider Contract Advisory Committee (PPPCAC) meetings.

Although BCBSM's committee structure was streamlined during its organization as a mutual company, this access will not be compromised. In fact, the revamped and renamed PPPCAC (now known as the Professional Provider Relations Advisory Committee or PPRAC) kicked-off its inaugural meeting on February 11, with a robust discussion on the Physician Group Incentive Program (PGIP), Patient Centered Medical Home designation, tiered-fee uplifts and fee updates in 2014, and coding and documentation accuracy.

[Read more >>](#)

4. MSMS Conference Offers Practical Information about the Affordable Care Act



You've heard about it -- now learn about it. Expert speakers on the Affordable Care Act will share practical information and answer your questions during the MSMS Foundation's Affordable Care Act

Conference on Wednesday,

March 19, 1:00–4:00 p.m., at the Somerset Inn in Troy. Focus will be on critical stakeholders -- consumers, small businesses, insurance industry -- as well as the impact of ACA on physicians and medical practices.

[Register now >>](#)

5. Survey: We Want Your Input on the MSMS House of Delegates



MSMS recently established a County Medical Society Task Force on the MSMS House of Delegates in order to address ways to improve the annual policy meeting. In an effort to capture feedback for the Task

Force to drive its agenda and eventual recommendations, MSMS has prepared a [brief survey](#) for members who served as delegates in the last five years. Deadline to complete the survey: April 1.

Submit Your Resolutions by March 3

The deadline to [submit resolutions](#) for the 149th annual MSMS House of Delegates meeting is March 3. Find instructions and search past resolutions online. The meeting will take place Friday-Sunday, April 25-27, at The Henry in Dearborn.

[More HOD information >>](#)

6. State Director Takes Lead at Health Council



Melanie Brim, Senior Deputy Director of the Public Health Administration & State Health Officer at the Michigan Department of Community Health, recently was announced as the new President & CEO of the [Michigan Health Council](#) (MHC). She will take over the position on April 1.

Ms. Brim previously served as Director of the Bureau of Health Professions, where she managed the licensing and regulation functions for over 400,000 health professionals, representing 37 professions and 25 regulatory boards. She has spoken many times to MSMS leaders on a host of topics over the years.

"Many of us at MSMS have been fortunate to work with Melanie in her various roles within state government over the last 20 years. She is an expert on the perspectives of the various health professions, and is one of the most respected voices in the state," said MSMS CEO Julie L. Novak. "We applaud her appointment as President & CEO of the Michigan Health Council, and look forward to working with her in this new capacity."



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