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### 1. MSMS Leaders Headed to DC Next Week to Push SGR Repeal



*(l to r) MSMS President Kenneth Elmassian, DO; Phillip Wise, MD; Congressman Upton; and MSMS Immediate Past President John Bizon, MD, on The Hill last year.*

Leaders from MSMS, along with physicians around the country, will descend on our nation's capital next week for the annual AMA National Advocacy Conference. Topping the agenda? Urging members of congress to pass legislation that would repeal the failing Medicare SGR formula, once and for all.

During the Conference, Michigan's Congressman Fred Upton (R-St. Joseph) will receive the prestigious Dr. Nathan Davis Award for Outstanding Government Service in honor of his support of physicians. Congressman Upton chairs the House Energy & Commerce Committee, which took the lead in moving SGR repeal legislation during the last year.

#### ICD-10: Are You Prepared?

March 6, 2014  
 Crowne Plaza - Novi

This class begins with an introduction to and some history of the ICD-10 system. Guidelines for ICD-10 are then reviewed with comparisons to current ICD-9 guidelines. General coding examples are scattered throughout the class along with specialty-specific ones to give the attendee hands on coding of ICD-10 and to allow them to experience how they will be coding in ICD-10.

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#### 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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## National Call to Action!

Just because you're not going to Washington, DC, that doesn't mean you can't take action. Use the toll-free AMA Grassroots Hotline to call your representative: 800-833-6354.

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## 2. Doctor Elmassian, Chris Wee Make the Case for GME Funding



Fourth-year student Christopher Wee, Wayne State University School of Medicine (L), and Kenneth Elmassian, DO, president of Michigan State Medical Society, offer testimony before the Senate Appropriations Committee on funding for Graduate Medical Education (GME).

In Lansing yesterday, MSMS President Kenneth Elmassian, DO, an Ingham County anesthesiologist, and Christopher E. Wee, a fourth-year medical student at Wayne State University School of Medicine, testified before the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Community Health to urge support of graduate medical education (GME) funding. The governor opted not to continue last year's GME funding boost

in his recently-proposed budget for FY 2014-15.

*"As far as I'm concerned, and I think it's certainly the position of the Michigan State Medical Society, in order for us to maintain to a healthy workforce and a healthy Michigan we need to understand what it takes to have medical students learn here, train here and stay here. That's why we're advocating increasing Graduate Medical Education (funding) and not allowing cuts to GME occur."*

- Kenneth Elmassian, DO, MSMS President

*"The Association of American Medical Colleges projects that we will have a 90,000 physician shortage by 2020 and Michigan is proportionally worse off. Across all specialties from primary care to sub-specialists for Michiganders will increasingly have issues with access to primary care."*

- Christopher Wee, Fourth-year student

[Watch Doctor Elmassian and Christopher Wee Testify >>](#)

[MM article on GME >>](#)

## 3. Do You Know about OSHA's New Requirement?



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that explains the Occupational Safety & Health Administration's (OSHA) new training requirements for doctors about hazard communication.

In March 2012, OSHA issued a final rule revising its Hazard Communication Standard (HCS) to conform to the United Nations globally harmonized

system of classification and labeling of chemicals. The revised HCS modifies the existing standard adopted in 1994. Those affected by the revised HCS (e.g., chemical manufacturers, importers, distributors, users, etc.) are subject to several compliance deadlines phasing in the requirements of the revised HCS beginning on December 1, 2013, and continuing until June 1, 2016. The goal of the revised HCS is to improve the quality of warnings regarding hazardous chemicals in the work place.

[Read the Legal Alert online >>](#)

## 4. Counting on ICD-10 to Be Delayed? Not Gonna Happen, Says CMS



Speaking at a health information technology conference yesterday, the director of the US Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) assured the health care community that the new ICD-10 coding system would go

live as planned on October 1. CMS Administrator Marilyn Tavenner said that some case-by-case exemptions will be made for providers having a tough time meeting their Stage 2 meaningful-use targets.

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### Let MSMS Help You Prepare

- [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
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## 5. This Is Your LAST Medigram If You Haven't Paid Dues...



One of the things that sets MSMS apart from other membership organizations is that our resources to members are worth their weight in gold. From Medigram weekly e-newsletter to valuable tools such as our new flyer: "10

Things Patients Need to Know about the Health Insurance Marketplace," MSMS ensures that you have the information you need most.

However, if your 2014 have not yet been paid, you are about to miss out on these--and many other--benefits when your membership expires tomorrow, March 1.

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## 6. Governor Announces Board of Medicine Appointments



Governor Rick Snyder announced his appointments and reappointments to the [Michigan Board of Medicine](#). Physician appointments:

- MSMS member Richard D. Bates, MD, an Alpena County obstetrician/gynecologist, was reappointed. He is the vice president of medical affairs at Alpena Regional Medical Center and a physician with Alpena Obstetrics/Gynecology at Alpena Regional Medical Center.
- MSMS member Peter T. Graham, MD, an Ingham County family physician, was reappointed. He is the executive

medical director of Physician's Health Plan, physician at Sparrow Medical Group, and a clinical assistant professor in the Department of Family Practice in the Michigan State University College of Human Medicine.

- MSMS member Sandra Lee Howell, MD, an Isabella County general surgeon, was appointed. She is an assistant professor of surgery and founding faculty member of the Central Michigan University College of Medicine. She replaces David L. Dull, MD.
- Kara M. Morley-Smolek, MD, a Kent County pediatrician, was appointed. She is lead pediatrician with Mercy Health Physician Partners and a clinical assistant professor with the Michigan State University College of Human Medicine. She replaces David Weingarden, MD.
- MSMS Board of Directors member James H. Sondheimer, MD, a Wayne County nephrologist, was appointed. He is an associate professor of medicine at the Wayne State University School of Medicine and chair of the Harper Hospital Department of Medicine Quality Assurance Peer Review Committee. He replaces Oliver Cameron, MD.

Board of Medicine members serve four-year terms that expire December 31, 2017.

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