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1. Senate Approves Loan Repayment Incentives for Rural Physicians

On Tuesday, the Michigan Senate unanimously passed legislation aimed at attracting more physicians to rural, underserved areas through debt repayment incentives. Senate Bill 648 sponsored by Sen. John Moolenaar (R-Midland), would increase the maximum annual repayment benefit for a physician from $25,000 to $40,000, and create a lifetime cap of $200,000.

“We need the best young minds to learn here, train here, and stay here,” said Sen. Moolenaar, who chairs the Senate Appropriations Department of Community Health Subcommittee.

The Michigan Essential Health Provider program includes a loan repayment program for certain medical providers who enter into an Affordable Care Act Conference

March 19, 2014
Somerset Inn - Troy

The implications of the ACA will be presented regarding the three critical stakeholders: the consumer, small business and insurance industry. Find out what patients need to know about ACA. Learn what the impact of ACA will be on physicians and practices. Review the opportunities and obstacles created by the ACA for small businesses.

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May 13, 2014
The Henry - Dearborn

This conference looks at the "whole" child and will provide resources that will help children and their families with the prevention and treatment of obesity.

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agreement with the Michigan Department of Community Health to provide full-time health care services in an area with a shortage.

In other efforts to ensure a strong physician workforce in Michigan, MSMS continues to work with the Snyder administration and other state leaders to restore the proposed cut to graduate medical education funding in next year’s budget. Read the Michigan Medicine article: Michigan’s Brain Drain: How Many Physicians Are We Losing From Underfunded GME?

2. Send CMS Your Thoughts about Practice Transformations

The US Center for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is reaching out to physicians in an attempt to better understand what resources are needed to transition to value-based models of care and what is doable. CMS seeks responses to questions listed here that are designed to offer insight into the special needs of physician practices, as well experiences gleaned from existing delivery and payment reform efforts. CMS intends to use this information to help shape its future work such as testing new payment and service delivery models. Submit comments through the website by Tuesday, April 8, at 11:59 p.m. ET.

Help Your Practice Thrive in a Time of Reform
MSMS offers top-notch educational programming to help you and your office staff address practice transformation issues. Register now to attend the Conference on Physicians Sustainability & Payment Reform, Wednesday, March 26, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., at the Somerset Inn in Troy.

3. Spring into CME*, Timely Clinical Topics in May

The MSMS Foundation will present the annual Spring Scientific Meeting (SSM) Wednesday-Thursday, May 14-15, at The Henry in Dearborn. Now in its third year, the SSM will feature concurrent sessions during the two days, and an evening course for a total of eleven courses, and ~16 AMA Category 1 Credit(s)™.
Sessions will be offered in infectious disease, rheumatology, diabetes, allergy/asthma, addiction medicine, personalized cancer therapy, cardiology, depression, dermatology, and neurology. Also, hear state experts present about closing practice gaps that affect the care given to patients within your practice.

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**Attend Maternal & Perinatal Conference during SSM**

The 53rd annual MSMS Joseph S. Moore, MD, Conference on Maternal & Perinatal Health will take place in conjunction with the Spring Scientific Meeting on Thursday, May 15, at The Henry in Dearborn. Earn 6 AMA Category 1 Credit(s)™ and hear state experts share their expertise in closing practice gaps that affect the care given to patients within your practice.

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**4. Health Care Is State’s Top Employer**

A new report from the Partnership for Michigan's Health—MSMS, the Michigan Osteopathic Association, Michigan Health & Hospital Association—shows health care directly employs more than 570,000 Michigan residents and is the largest private-sector employer in the state. The 2014 edition of the report “The Economic Impact of Healthcare in Michigan” indicates that nearly 225,000 of those employees work in hospitals. Michigan's direct health care workers earn more than $34 billion a year in wages, salaries and benefits. Collectively, health care workers and their employers contribute more than $7.6 billion annually in local, state and federal taxes, which include Social Security, income, motor vehicle, sales, property, corporate and more.

Read the report>>

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**5. Help Needed with Adult Immunization Survey**

MSMS has been pleased to participate in a health
professions stakeholder workgroup convened by the Michigan Primary Care Consortium to identify strategies to remove as many barriers to full adult immunization in Michigan as possible.

In order to effectively accomplish this charge, the workgroup felt it important to get baseline data on the perceptions and practices of our members on adult immunizations, as well as those of their patients. Please complete this survey, which is confidential and can be completed in less than five minutes, by March 28.

Your participation in this effort to improve the health status of Michigan adults is greatly appreciated. Results will be communicated in future member correspondence. For more information, contact Stacey Hettiger at MSMS at 517-336-5766 or shettiger@msms.org.

6. Doctor Chu Joins Henry Ford Leadership

MSMS Board of Directors member Betty S. Chu, MD, MBA, an Oakland County obstetrician/gynecologist, has been appointed Chief Medical Officer & Vice President of Medical Affairs at Henry Ford West Bloomfield Hospital. Doctor Chu, a graduate of University of Michigan Medical School, was previously employed in the Beaumont Health System. She also is an associate professor of obstetrics and gynecology at the Oakland University/William Beaumont School of Medicine in Rochester.

She has served on the MSMS Board since 2009, and previously served as Chair of the MSMS Committee on State Legislation & Regulations. In 2010, she was recognized as one of Crain’s Detroit Business’s “40 Under 40” local leaders to watch.

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