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1. CMS Physician Payment Data Paints Incomplete Picture



On Tuesday, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) posted searchable, physician-specific Medicare claims data on its [web site](#). The spreadsheet files show for each physician their NPI, name and address, average charge and Medicare

payment amounts, unique beneficiary counts, and other information for the various Medicare services they provide. Since that time, aspects of the data have resulted in several news stories, both at the national and state level.

MSMS released an [official statement](#), and the American Medical Association has been adding additional resources and information to its website daily, in an effort to help put the data in a more accurate context. Resources include these:

- [9 Ways CMS's Claim Data Release Could Mislead Patients, Reporters](#)
- [AMA Guide to Media Reporting on CMS' Medicare Physician](#)

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Claims Data

MSMS and the AMA will remain engaged in this issue and continue to report to its members as things develop.

2. Tell MSMS How Your Practice Handles Everyday Challenges



Do you spend vast amounts of time documenting information? Is there inadequate support to meet the patient demand for care? Has computerized technology added more to your workload? MSMS is looking for practices who have designed creative and

innovative solutions to everyday challenges. Share what's working for you by sending an email to Caryl Markzon at cmarkzon@msms.org.

3. Michigan Medicine Asks: Are You Satisfied?



The March/April issue of Michigan Medicine magazine examines the new RAND study on physician professional satisfaction and how time with patients, collegiality, and modern delivery obstacles like EHRs all impact it. It also looks at some innovative ways some practices are adapting to a changing health care environment to help physicians find joy in their profession.

[Read the latest issue online >>](#)

4. Check Your Mailbox for New Education Update



The MSMS Foundation is pleased to announce that the 2014 Education Update will be hitting your mailboxes very soon! Included in this year's educational offerings are new programs like Opioid Risk Evaluation and Mitigation and Surviving and Thriving in an Environment of Reimbursement

For more info, please contact Dara Barrera at djbarrera@msms.org or (517) 336-5770.

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5. Get Your Golf On! Register Now for Foundation Fundraiser in June



The MSMS Foundation will hold its 22nd Annual Golf & Tennis Classic on Monday, June 2, at Forest Akers - West Course in East Lansing. Proceeds will help the Foundation support community-based health projects throughout Michigan.

Forest Akers Golf Courses are recognized as two of the best public golf courses in the state of Michigan and home to the Big Ten champion Michigan State University Men's and Women's Golf Teams.

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