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### 1. Stop Senate Bill 2 for the Sake of Patient Safety



The Michigan House Health Policy Committee will take testimony on Tuesday, Sept. 9, on a dangerous piece of health care legislation that already has passed the Michigan Senate.

Senate Bill 2 would allow nurse practitioners to practice medicine independently without any physician

leadership and supervision. It would compromise patient safety by giving advanced practice nurses the right to diagnose, treat, and write prescriptions for patients without the appropriate education and training and without even collaborating with a physician.

MSMS physicians, MSMS Alliance members, and patients are urged to send an important message to the Michigan House of Representatives about quality health care: **Put Patients First! Vote NO on Senate Bill 2!**

You have three options to fight this inappropriate scope expansion through legislation rather than education:

1. [Click here to use the MSMS Action Center](#) to contact your State Representative now.

## Upcoming Events

### HIPAA Security Compliance: Be Prepared

September 17, 2014  
 St. Mary's of Michigan - Saginaw

October 24, 2014  
 Somerset Inn - Troy

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### ICD-10-CM Boot Camp: The Clock is Ticking

September 18-19, 2014  
 FireKeepers Casino - Battle Creek

November 6-7, 2014  
 Weber's Inn - Ann Arbor

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2. Meet face-to-face with your local state representative about SB 2 and/or other issues by contacting Steve Japinga, Chief, Public Policy & Legislative Affairs, at 517-336-5781 or [sjapinga@msms.org](mailto:sjapinga@msms.org).
3. Put your name on a testimony card at the hearing indicating your opposition (you need not attend) by contacting Steve Japinga at the information listed above.

## 2. Don't Leave Money on the Table - Complete and Return HMP HRA



Under the Healthy Michigan Plan (HMP), Michigan's health care program for individuals who qualify under the Medicaid expansion criteria, all newly enrolled members are to complete the HMP

Health Risk Assessment (HRA). Several sections are to be filled out by the physician or other member of the health care team and signed by the plan's credentialed PCP at the member's initial primary care visit. All required sections must be complete for the form to be considered eligible including yes/no boxes, BP, weight, BMI, date, NPI, etc.

Physicians receive a financial incentive for each completed HRA returned to the member's health plan. However, in order to be paid the incentive, all required fields must be completed, the writing must be legible, and the form must be returned within the prescribed timeline. Incentive amounts vary by health plan. Visit your Medicaid health plans' provider webpage or contact your provider consultants for specific amounts and submission procedures.

Remember, it is important for medical offices to [check CHAMPS](#) to verify Healthy Michigan Plan benefit coverage at each visit. Look for the following designations:

- MA-HMP (Healthy Michigan Plan)
- MA-HMP-MC (Healthy Michigan Plan Managed Care)
- MA-HMP-ESO (Healthy Michigan Plan Emergency Services Only)
- MA-HMP-INC (Healthy Michigan Plan Incarceration)

Some health plans are also including the HMP or HMI logo on the member's health plan ID. Medical offices need to make sure the HMP HRA is completed for their HMP patients. If you need a copy of the HMP HRA, you can download it from the [HMP website](#).

Questions? Contact Stacey Hettiger at (517) 336-5766 or [shettiger@msms.org](mailto:shettiger@msms.org).

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### 3. Jim Haveman Steps Down As MDCH Director



Jim Haveman

Gov. Snyder yesterday announced that the director of the Michigan Department of Community Health, Jim Haveman, has resigned to focus on his own health after recently suffering a minor stroke. The Governor said he understood and respected Haveman's decision.

Deputy Director Nick Lyon has been named as the new director of the department. MDCH oversees the largest budget in the state including the Medicaid program.

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### 4. MSMS Group Member NPO Creates ACO in Northern Michigan



MSMS group member Northern Physician Organization (NPO) is already working to transform the health care landscape in Michigan and with the recent launch of Northern Michigan Health Network, an accredited ACO, it hopes to become a model for the nation in providing physician-led high quality health care.

"As physicians, we have an understanding of how to deliver health care and how to do it most efficiently," said NPO President Peter Sneed, MD, of Traverse City in a [profile in the new Michigan Medicine](#).

As one of the 360 ACOs recognized under the ACA's Medicare Shared Savings Program, the network brings together primary care and specialty physicians across all communities in the northern region of the Lower Peninsula to engage in the delivery of more efficient and effective patient care. The physicians in these communities were willing to accept the responsibility of forming an ACO due to NPO's history of strong community engagement and leadership.

"It all comes back to our belief that physicians should be at the table in a leadership role and when we're active and involved we know we can do better for patients," Doctor Sneed said.

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### 5. On the Road Again to Smooth the Way with Health Plans

As part of its commitment to better understand payer policy, the MSMS Health Care Delivery Department meets

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with various payers throughout the year. This week, the Health Care Delivery team puts some miles on their wheels as they traveled to Troy to meet with Molina and then to Grand Rapids to meet with Priority Health.

Featured discussion items included Medicaid, Healthy Michigan Plan enrollment and health risk assessments, quality incentive programs

and outcomes, physician relations and servicing, and data exchange. The opportunity to network with payers is extremely important to MSMS and its members. By building these relationships MSMS is better able to help resolve individual member payer issues, as well as to advocate for physician reimbursement and regulatory concerns globally.

If you're in need of assistance with a reimbursement issue, contact MSMS Reimbursement Advocate Stacie Saylor, CPC, CPB, at (517) 336-5722 or [ssaylor@msms.org](mailto:ssaylor@msms.org).

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