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1. MSMS Efforts on the Primary Care Uplifts for Medicaid



Due to the efforts of MSMS, the challenges of administering the primary care uplift in Medicaid were elevated within the Michigan Department of Community Health. There have been many questions regarding the accuracy of payments made through the managed care

plans, and the timing of such payments. As a result, MSMS submitted a Freedom of Information Act request that provided the amount of funds MDCH distributed to the health plans and the amount of funds the health plans had distributed to physicians.

The MSMS Board of Directors on Wednesday discussed this issue in detail. MSMS discovered that the increases in payments to primary care physicians were held up by a number of issues including system issues that delayed payments as well as missing data from Medicaid health plans. Medicaid officials have met with health plan representatives and are committed to working with the plans to prioritize resolution of communication, data, and logistical problems, according to a report to the Board.

"This wouldn't have happened without the efforts of MSMS," said MSMS President James D. Grant, MD. "Freeing up this money for

Upcoming Events

Documentation of E&M Services: Understanding the Key Components

October 30, 2014
Crowne Plaza - Novi

The key components for Evaluation & Management documentation do not change new patient to established, or office to hospital service and yet, confusion reigns. The key elements of history, exam and medical decision-making are simply required in varying levels. This seminar will give you a complete understanding of documentation from the chief complaint to the signature at the bottom of the note.

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Maximizing Revenue Cycle Management for the Health of Your Practice

November 5, 2014
MSU Management Education Center - Troy

Revenue Cycle Management is a set of complex processes culminating in the timely receipt of payment for services resulting in increasing your bottom line. Managing compliance information, collecting and reporting data and outcomes, and procedures to prevent denials are only a few of the strategies to capitalize on incentive dollars and

those members to whom it is owed is a tangible benefit of MSMS membership. It also benefits non-members who are not paying MSMS dues. We need all Michigan physicians to join MSMS so we can do even more advocacy like this in the future.”

Other highlights from the MSMS Board meeting include:

- continuing MSMS efforts to educate physicians and patients about end-of-life care issues and the need for a durable power of attorney for health care. [Patient Advocate forms](#) are available through MSMS. The annual [Conference on Bioethics](#) on Nov.7-8 in Ann Arbor will focus on end-of-life care issues.
- initiating a pilot membership program that will allow individual members of physician organizations that have engaged in a service agreement with MSMS to get a five percent discount on MSMS dues.
- supporting Senate Bill 1033 that would assure that a set of Direct Primary Care services offered by a physician are not improperly characterized as insurance. While the pros and cons of offering prepaid DPC services were discussed at length, the Board agreed that the scope of SB 1033 is only to clarify that this innovation is not insurance and, therefore, removed from various burdensome regulatory hurdles.

2. MSMS Ebola Web Page Includes Links to Important Information

MSMS has created a web page at www.msms.org/ebola that contains links to critical Ebola information from the American Medical Association, the Centers for Disease Control, and the Michigan Department of Community Health.

Among the links is the AMA's online [Ebola Resource Center](#) for information from the CDC and other public health groups. Resources cover:

- Understanding the virus
- Preparing your hospital or practice
- Screening and diagnosing Ebola
- Treating patients with the virus

On Wednesday morning, Governor Snyder hosted a roundtable discussion with state of Michigan public health officials to discuss the state's ongoing Ebola preparedness efforts. The recorded event can be seen at <http://bit.ly/1wtx83J>.

The Washtenaw County Medical Society this week hosted a meeting of all concerned parties in the county to make plans for a possible Ebola case there. Details about their plans are in a [news release](#) about the planning meeting.

MSMS will continue to update the links and information on the Ebola web page as changes are made and more information is made available.

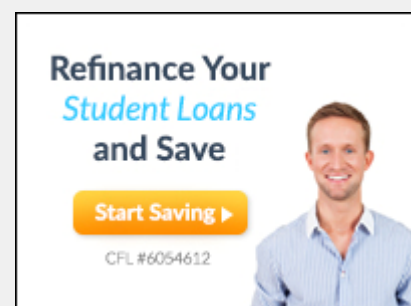
3. MSMS Works Jointly to Reduce Heroin/Opioid Overdose Deaths

A package of laws focused on increasing access to naloxone and providing Good Samaritan protections for bystanders who call for help recently was signed into law by Governor Snyder. Michigan is the latest state to adopt such measures. MSMS was a strong

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advocate for the legislation, which the AMA also supported.

"Having naloxone with first responders, family members, and significant others provides the lifesaving tool needed when seconds matter," said MSMS President James Grant, MD. "The legislature took a great step with the passage of the naloxone package to ensure those precious seconds will not tick away."

"The most important reason for the AMA's support is that naloxone saves lives," the AMA wrote in support of the package of bills. "This is a medication that has no potential for abuse, is easily administered and has broad, national support from physicians, substance abuse professionals, law enforcement and other first responders, who often are the first people on the scene of an overdose."

On Monday this week, physicians, substance use disorder professionals, the Michigan State Police, the Michigan Department of Community Health, and the Michigan Department of Education held a summit meeting to discuss the effects of heroin in Michigan and how to stop the spread and usage of the drug. MSMS staff joined in the discussion with other professionals from around the state. Corey Waller, MD, from Spectrum Health Medical Group, provided the physician perspective on treating someone with an addiction.

For more information about the legislation and public health efforts regarding heroin, contact Andrew Schepers, MSMS Chief of Grassroots Development and Legislative Policy, at aschepers@msms.org or (517) 336-7579.

4. Nation-Leading Human Trafficking Legislation Signed Into Law

At the end of last week, Governor Rick Snyder signed legislation protecting Michigan citizens from human trafficking and supporting victims by putting some of the strongest policies in the nation into place to combat this crime.

Much of the legislation stems from a 2013 report by the Michigan Commission on Human Trafficking and was strongly supported by MSMS and county medical societies.

"It is unacceptable that a dangerous and appalling practice like human trafficking continues to be a prevalent problem across our state and nation," Snyder said. "I'm extremely proud to sign this comprehensive bipartisan bill package, making Michigan one of the leading states in fighting this tragic crime. This effort holds criminals accountable while giving victims the support they need to overcome these horrific experiences."

Details about the 20-bill package can be seen in a [news release](#) announcing the signing of the legislation by the Governor.

5. New Data on Child Immunization Rate Shows Michigan Still Among Worst

New national immunization data and rankings were announced at the end of last week and showed that Michigan ranks 4th worst nationally with 5.4 percent--up .1 percent from last year--of parents choosing not to vaccinate their children against preventable, potentially deadly diseases.

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MSMS is working with a broad coalition including the MSMS Alliance, Michigan Academy of Family Physicians, American Academy of Pediatrics-Michigan Chapter, Michigan Osteopathic Association, school nurses, health plans, and other health care organizations to decrease the opt-out rate in Michigan. Various efforts are underway including news conferences to help educate the public about the consequences of parents not getting their children immunized.

The coalition issued a [joint statement](#) to the media, which said, in part:

"We are extremely disappointed to learn that despite ongoing and increased education and outreach efforts, too many Michigan parents continue to make potentially dangerous choices for their children and our communities.

"Childhood immunizations protect our kids from dangerous infectious diseases such as measles, mumps and whooping cough, but more and more Michigan kids are at risk as non-medical exemption rates rise and immunization rates fall."

6. NPO Becomes a Qualified Data Sharing Organization

Northern Physicians Organization announced it is the latest group to join the Michigan Health Information Network (MiHIN) as a Qualified Data Sharing Organization.

This will help integrate NPO's local practice registry to a state level and will allow for electronic health information to be securely shared statewide through MiHIN.

"This data exchange will greatly help reinforce the patient-doctor relationship by enhancing the communications between the patient's doctors as well as between doctor and hospital," said Peter Sneed, MD, chair of the NPO Executive Committee in a [news release](#).

"Becoming a Qualified Data Sharing Organization will help NPO achieve the triple aim of improving the experience of health care, improving the health of populations, and reducing per capita costs of health care."

Infectious Disease Spread Prompts Practice Concerns

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