

## Infectious Disease Spread Prompts Practice Concerns

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### 1. SB2 Expires After Marathon Close to Lame Duck



Despite a very tricky set of political circumstances and a marathon 20-hour-long last day of the lame duck session, the Michigan State Medical Society was extremely successful in protecting patients and serving the profession by defeating Senate Bill 2. The legislation

would have allowed nurses to diagnose and write prescription without any physician supervision. This was an extreme sprint at the end of a two-year marathon, and it took an incredible amount of work by our entire team, including our grassroots political activists, county medical societies, and you, our members.

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### 2. Michigan Health Endowment Issues First Grants

The Health Endowment Fund has issued its first grants, \$15.2 million split among four organizations.

The largest grant was \$5 million, given to both the Food

### Upcoming Events

#### Compliance Essentials You Need to Know in 2015

January 28, 2015  
Detroit Marriott Troy

This conference is designed to help physicians, medical staff and Physician Organizations stay up-to-date on the latest compliance rules, deadlines and obligations. Be prepared to learn about government initiatives that impact care delivery and billing, as well as the latest enforcement trends.

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#### Beyond Checking the Box: Legalities and Practicalities of HIT

February 17, 2015  
Detroit Marriott Troy

Health information technology (HIT) is creating many challenges for physicians and other health care professionals as they work to understand how to marry technology with practice transformation goals. The presenters of this course will provide attendees with practical advice to help manage the various opportunities and requirements associated with the implementation of HIT tools and resources in medical practice.

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Bank Council of Michigan and the Area Agencies on Aging Association. The former grant will support mobile distribution sites and the latter will fund fall prevention and diabetes management programs.

Easter Seals-Michigan, Incorporated, was granted

\$4.1 million to develop a child trauma screening and assessment program, and the Michigan Recreation and Park Association received \$1.1 million to develop fitness programs for communities with health needs.

The Michigan Health Endowment Fund Board was created through passage of Public Act 4 of 2013, which authorized certain changes to how BCBSM operates in the state. The law requires BCBSM to contribute up to \$1.56 billion over 18 years to the Michigan Health Endowment Fund.

### 3. Physicians Boost Michigan's Economy, AMA Study Shows

The AMA has partnered with MSMS and other state medical associations to launch the 2014 AMA Economic Impact Study. According to the study, Michigan's physicians critically support the health of their local and state economies through the creation of jobs with their related wages & benefits, the purchase of goods and services, and large-scale support of state and local tax revenues.

In addition, the study, which uses 2012 numbers, clearly indicates that creating an environment that would attract new and retain existing physicians to meet expanding health care demands would also have the added benefit of increasing the number of good jobs in Michigan and improving the health of the local economy. Some Michigan numbers:

- Total Patient Care Physicians: 23,519 (720,421 Nat'l)
- Total Direct Jobs Supported by Physician Industry - 109,186 (3,336,077 Nat'l)
- Total Indirect Jobs Supported by Physician Industry - 150,351 (6,632,265 Nat'l)
- Total Jobs Supported by Physician Industry - 259,537 (9,968,342 Nat'l)
- Average Jobs Supported by Each Physician Including His/Her Own - 11.0 (13.8 Nat'l)

[More Michigan results >>](#)

### 4. Doctors Will Get Less Money for Treating Medicaid Patients Starting in January

Sandhills Pediatrics, a group practice near Fayetteville, N.C., recently hired a child psychiatrist and a psychiatric nurse practitioner. It also expanded a satellite office in Hoke County, where almost a third of children live in poverty. About half of Sandhills' 20,000 patients are covered by Medicaid, the joint federal-state health program for the poor, and the practice was able to add the services thanks to a boost in the reimbursement rates

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Medicaid pays primary-care doctors under the Affordable Care Act.

The 2010 law guaranteed federal funding to cover the higher rates only in 2013 and 2014. President Obama's proposed 2015 budget would have continued the higher payments, but that provision never made it into the \$1.1 trillion spending bill Congress passed on Dec. 13. As a result, federal reimbursements will drop to 2012 levels starting in January. Sandhills expects its Medicaid revenue to fall 26 percent next year. "It means a tremendous loss," says Sandhills managing partner Christoph Diasio.

[Read the full article from BloombergBusinessweek >>](#)

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## 5. Injection Safety is Every Provider's Responsibility

It's the responsibility of every provider to keep patients and the community safe while minimizing the risk of spreading infections when preparing and administering every injection. For most providers, administering an injection safely is a routine procedure. However, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) continues to learn of and report on outbreaks where providers thought they were doing everything right—but were unknowingly putting their patients at risk for infection by incorrectly administering sedatives, anesthetics, or IV medications.

Recently the Michigan Department of Community Health joined the One & Only Campaign, a public safety campaign led by the CDC Foundation and the Safe Injection Practices Coalition (SIPC). The Campaign offers a wide array of evidenced-based information about safe injection practices on its website where you can also watch videos, download safety presentations and printable materials like the Healthcare Provider Toolkit.

In the last 10 years, more than 150,000 patients have been alerted to seek testing after potential exposure to bloodborne pathogens—including hepatitis B, hepatitis C and HIV. This is why it's so vitally important to remember that:

- Needles and syringes are single use devices. They should not be used for more than one patient or reused to draw up additional medication. 1 Needle + 1 Syringe + 1 Time = 0 Infections
- Single-dose vials or IV bags should not be administered to multiple patients
- Multi-dose vials' use should be limited, and dedicate them to a single patient whenever possible.

In addition, be alert of the injection safety techniques of other clinicians around you. If you see something that you know compromises patient safety, speak up. Talk to that clinician or to a supervisor -- because the mistakes of a few can put everyone at risk.

It's up to all of us to follow safe injection practices. Every patient deserves the protection of one needle and one syringe, only one time.

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