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e-News for Friday, February 6, 2015

1. Gov. Snyder Signs EPT into Law



Earlier this week, Governor Rick Snyder held a bill signing ceremony for HB 4736, Expedited Partner Therapy (EPT). In 2012 the MSMS House of Delegates passed HOD Resolution 1 which said MSMS would support the implementation of the policy in Michigan.

Public Act 525 of 2014 authorizes EPT for treatment of sexually transmitted infections, allowing for physicians to prescribe infected individuals and their partners and for pharmacists to fill those prescriptions.

Representing the Michigan State Medical Society was Doctor Cheryl Gibson-Fountain, citing "this is a great victory for public health and for MSMS."

2. Remote Patient Monitoring: Real-Time Patient Data, Real Liability Risks



Three million patients worldwide are currently connected to a remote monitoring device that sends personal medical data to their healthcare provider. Each year alone, 600,000 cardiac patients are implanted with pacemakers, one of the most common monitoring devices.

Remote medical devices help doctors catch potential problems earlier, when they're easier to treat, and can reduce the number of hospitalizations, improving patient health and containing healthcare costs.

Upcoming Events



Beyond Checking the Box: Legalities & Practicalities of HIT

February 17, 2015
Troy Marriott - Troy

There's more to Health information technology (HIT) than Meaningful Use. 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. These sessions will provide physicians, Physician Organization leaders, medical practice managers, and medical practice consultants with practical advice. Register now for everyday practical strategies around EHR legalities, staffing, patient engagement and more.

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PCMH: Supporting Patients through Population Health

March 4, 2015
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Despite the many advantages, remote patient monitoring has liability risks. Because remote monitoring devices transmit patient data over the Internet or through phone lines, there is a risk of a data breach if the information is not properly encrypted.

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3. MDPAC 24-Hour Challenge

With 43 new lawmakers now in the Michigan Legislature, it's time for the [Michigan Doctors Political Action Committee \(MDPAC\)](#), the political arm of the [Michigan State Medical Society \(MSMS\)](#), to forge strong relationships.

We need your help!

In order for [MDPAC](#) to be successful in making sure your interests and the interests of your patients are being put first in Lansing, please do your part by making either a personal or corporate donation to [MDPAC](#). This will ensure your voice is heard and physician-friendly lawmakers are supported.

Please join your colleagues and make a contribution today!

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4. GFA Healthy Workplace Nomination

If you know an organization that is dedicated to the health of its employees, please nominate the organization for the Outstanding Healthy Workplace Award by Feb. 27.

Preparations for the Michigan Fitness Foundation's Governor's Fitness Awards (GFA) are in full swing and nominations are up 61% compared to last year! Because of this growing interest in wellness, the Michigan Fitness Foundation is extending the nomination deadline for the Outstanding Healthy Workplace Award to Feb. 27.

By extending the deadline, the Michigan Fitness Foundation hopes to give more organizations the opportunity to highlight their commitment to healthy workplaces and the people who work in them.

For more information or to submit an Outstanding Healthy Workplace nomination, please visit michiganfitness.org/gfa. Submissions for all other GFA categories are closed.

5. YOU'RE INVITED: GME Day and New Lawmaker's Reception

The Michigan State Medical Society will kick off our new legislative year with our New Lawmakers Reception on Wednesday, February 18, 2015 from 5-7 pm at MSMS Headquarters. This event is a premier networking event for our physician members.

All MSMS members are welcome to attend and we have invited Michigan government officials, as well as the members of the

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Michigan Legislature.

The event will follow Graduate Medical Education Advocacy Day where GME advocates will visit Lansing to educate legislators on the vital role of teaching hospitals and the benefits of GME funding. GME directors, program administrators and physician residents are encouraged to attend this important event to urge full funding of GME.

To RSVP please contact Anne'ka Marzette, Government Relations Coordinator at amarzette@msms.org or 517-336-5736. Should you have any questions, please contact Colin J. Ford, Senior Director, State and Federal Government Affairs, at 517-336-5737.

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