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e-News for Friday, February 13, 2015

Upcoming Events

1. Update on Medicaid Primary Care Uplift



The Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH) recently released a final bulletin (MSA 14-61) that explains how increased payments for Medicaid primary care services (uplifts) rendered by primary care physicians will be paid in 2015. MSMS advocated for

practice characteristics (60% of specified evaluation and management codes) to be added as one of the eligibility criteria. We are happy to report that provision was included in the final version.

After meeting with Medicaid, MSMS confirmed the increase is intended to be paid to the physician/employer in full. The increase is not to cover administrative costs.

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PCMH: Supporting Patients through Population Health

March 4, 2015
 Troy Marriott - Troy

The Patient Centered Medical Home (PCMH) is physician-led, rooted in primary care, and has become a proven method to elevate patient care. Discover how you can take the PCMH to the next level.

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2. Physicians to Legislature: Put Patients First -- Fully Fund Graduate Medical Education



Gov. Snyder presented his FY 2016 budget this week and as expected, it contained cuts to GME funding. It also proposed significant changes to future GME funding that will need to be reviewed. In a joint news release, MSMS and MOA stated:

"We appreciate Governor Snyder's willingness to seek a long-term solution to what has been a chronic problem in adequately funding graduate medical education, and we look forward to working with him and state lawmakers as they put that solution in place."

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Stumped with Your Student Loans? What You Need to Know about Refinancing

February 18, 2015
 12:15 - 1:00 p.m.

A free "Lunch & Learn" webinar.

Includes information about advanced debt reduction techniques applicable to physicians.

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"At the same time, reducing graduate medical education funding even in the short term would mean fewer Michigan physicians are able to learn here, train here and stay here. Facing this reality, we will work closely with lawmakers to continue the fight to protect patients' health, safety, and access to care by fully funding GME in this year's budget."

[Read the full news release >>](#)

[Read comments from MSMS President James D. Grant, MD, in *The Detroit News* >>](#)

3. MEMBER BENEFIT: Doctor Rose Ramirez, MSMS President-elect, Presents to Michigan House Health Policy Committee

Earlier this week, Michigan State Medical Society President-elect Rose Ramirez, MD, presented in front of the Michigan House of Representatives Health Policy Committee. The purpose of her presentation was to introduce and reintroduce MSMS to the new and returning committee members.

In addition to talking about MSMS' 150 year history, Doctor Ramirez highlighted various ways MSMS would like to work with the Health Policy Committee. "We are in a time of tremendous change in health care. Physicians are ready to be leaders in making the changes that improve care for our patients. Your constituents are our patients, so we look forward to partnering with the Health Policy Committee in terms of passing legislation that will make Michigan a leader in health care, in areas such as:

- Public health and population health initiatives
- Reducing bureaucracy and unnecessary administrative costs
- Appropriately defining team based health care
- Maximizing access to health care in underserved areas
- Innovate graduate medical education
- Reducing prescription drug abuse."

MEMBER BENEFIT: The practice of medicine is much stronger when we have physicians involved in organized medicine. Together with you, MSMS will continue working on common sense legislation, protecting your rights as a physician and the interests of your patients.

4. Human Trafficking: Hiding in a City, Town, Village or Hamlet Near You

Physicians Need to Know About Human Trafficking and What to Look For.

The United Nations on Drugs and Crime defines Human Trafficking as a "serious crime and a grave violation of human rights." Every year, thousands of men, women and children fall into the hands of traffickers, in their own countries and abroad. Almost every country in the world is affected by Human trafficking.

[Read more from T. Jann Caison-Sorey, MD, MBA, President, Wayne County Medical Society, Southeast Michigan >>](#)

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

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5. Workshop Offers Tips for Surviving a Malpractice Lawsuit



The Doctors Company invites you to attend its Surviving Litigation Seminar, a complimentary workshop that will help you become a strong, active participant in your own defense -- now or in the future. This seminar delivers essential tips from litigation experts to help you understand the legal process, explains how doctors can be effective in court, and teaches valuable ways of dealing with the stress of malpractice litigation.

Surviving Litigation Seminar

Thursday, March 19, 2015
Noon-4:00 PM (Lunch included)
Kellogg Center, East Lansing

[Full Details >>](#)

6. Michigan Health Endowment Fund Names Paul Hillegonds Chief Executive Officer



The Michigan Health Endowment Fund earlier this week voted to approve the appointment of Paul Hillegonds as its Chief Executive Officer. The Fund was created through the passage of Public Act 4 of 2013, which authorized certain changes to how Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan (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.

"Creating the Michigan Health Endowment Fund was a priority for me because of the positive impacts I knew it would have on the lives of Michigan residents," said Governor Rick Snyder. "The appointment of Paul Hillegonds as Chief Executive Officer marks yet another significant step in these efforts, and I'm confident that Paul's leadership and experience will carry forth the work of the board to improve health outcomes for children and older adults in Michigan."

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