

## Infectious Disease Spread Prompts Practice Concerns

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### Upcoming Events

## MSMS Board of Directors Addresses Team-based Care During Meeting



During the March meeting of the Michigan State Medical Society (MSMS) Board of Directors, the Board addressed team-based care, upcoming meetings and conferences, resolutions for the upcoming House of Delegates, and more. Below are some of the highlights:

- **2015 House of Delegates:** The 150th Annual House of Delegates will now be two days, beginning on Saturday, May 2. The Ways and Means, and Rules and Order meeting will begin at 9 am with all other reference committees beginning at 10 am. With 78 resolutions, MSMS Delegates will explore discuss and debate a broad range of topics affecting health care in Michigan.
- **Team-based care and Senate Bill 68:** The Legislative Policy Committee discussed the ongoing efforts to defeat Senate Bill 68 in the Senate. While Senator Shirkey (R-Clarklake) has been unwilling to publicly entertain many changes to his bill, efforts are still being made to make the necessary changes that retain physician involvement in decision-making.

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## House, Senate Leaders Unveil Permanent 'Doc Fix' Bills

Congressional leaders Thursday announced a bipartisan, bicameral deal to permanently repeal Medicare's loathed



### Prepare for ICD-10

March 24, 2015  
Webinar

Physician's documentation will need to withstand another test in October 2015. The transition to ICD-10-CM requires specificity in diagnostic coding but the entire record must reflect the care given and coded for the patient encounter. How is your office documentation today? What changes can you start to implement that will put you on the path to success when the October 2015 switch occurs? This one hour course will cover what physicians need to know for ICD-10 implementation.

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### Pitfalls of E/M Documentation 2015

April 17, 2015  
Sheraton - Novi

In today's environment of audits and chart reviews, note documentation can be tedious, treacherous or trouble free.



sustainable growth-rate formula for paying doctors. Bills containing terms of the deal were introduced in both chambers of Congress.

Unclear for now, though, is the fate of the Children's Health Insurance Program.

If enacted, the legislation would end one of Washington's longest-running fiscal skirmishes and bring welcome stability to payments for doctors who treat Medicare patients. Congress has passed 17 consecutive short-term fixes dating back more than a decade. A vote is anticipated next week. Doctors would face a 21.2% cut in payments on April 1 if no legislative fix is enacted.

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## Urge Your Lawmaker to Vote Against Senate Bill 68

Earlier this month, Anita R. Avery, MD, member of the Michigan State Medical Society's (MSMS) Board of Directors, and Patrick J. Haddad, MSMS attorney with Kerr Russell Attorneys and Counselors, testified in front of the Senate Health Policy Committee regarding Senate Bill 68. This dangerous legislation would **undermine the team-based health care model**, causing physicians to be stripped from many health care teams while reducing educational requirements for those who practice medicine.

This Bill seeks to create legislative and regulatory parity for advanced practice nurses and physicians despite the significant differences in the amount of training required by the two professions.

**What Senate Bill 68 does, is provide a legislative shortcut for training that should be acquired by experience and education.** Quality and safety within health care is not an accident. It is the result of intense education and many years of preparation.

Senate Bill 68 is not about access, it is not about patient care, it is not about education and training, but rather it is about the legislative priorities of advanced practice nurses.

[Please urge your lawmaker to put the needs of Michigan patients first by voting NO on Senate Bill 68 >>](#)

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## MDCH Director Lyon Addresses the MSMS Executive Council of Physician Organizations

Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH) Executive Director Nick Lyon presented to the Michigan State Medical Society (MSMS) Executive Council of Physician Organizations last week. Director Lyon provided exclusive updates and insights into the health care policy priorities of Governor Snyder. Physician leaders and CEOs from physician organizations throughout the state benefited from an intimate conversation on issues ranging from the status of the Healthy Michigan Plan, the proposal to move all

Physicians/Providers need both an understanding of the rules of documentation but also need to know where the pitfalls are that can derail their note with a single word or phrase. With this knowledge, a concise, compliant note will both maximize coding and reimbursement but will withstand an audit. Documenting a good history is the start to a well coded note. The other parts of the note are just as important.

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Medicaid HMOs to a single prescription drug formulary, and the preparations to move from fee-for-service to fee-for-value under the State Innovation Model.

Physician leaders on the Executive Council of Physician Organizations also used the opportunity to share their experiences in practice directly to MDCH Executive Director Lyon in order to inform the administration's strategic priorities. Those in attendance stressed the need for improved functionality of health information technology to decrease the costs of investing in systems that do not add any clinical value and reduce the interferences it causes in patient care. Physician leaders on the Executive Council also brought up the need for greater payment support of care management services to ensure the sickest or most chronic patients get the right care at the right time to avoid costly treatments and hospitalizations.

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## State Orders HealthPlus Insurance to Find Financial Partner

Flint-based HealthPlus Insurance Co., one of the state's largest nonprofit health insurers, has lost tens of millions of dollars the past two years, prompting the state insurance department to order it to make material progress in seeking an outside financial partner within 60 days, Crain's has learned.

On March 9, the Michigan Department of Financial and Insurance Services placed HealthPlus under state financial supervision because of losses in 2014 that lowered its reserves below the required state minimum, said Kathy Bilitzke, HealthPlus manager of public relations.

[Read more in Crain's Detroit Business >>](#)

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## Students and IMGs Caucus in Preparation for MSMS House of Delegates

Leaders of the Medical Student Section and the International Medical Graduates Section met at the Michigan State Medical Society (MSMS) Headquarters on March 14 to review resolutions and prepare for the 2015 House of Delegates meeting.

Candidates for MSMS President-elect, David Krhovsky, MD, and Bassam Nasr, MD, MBA, met with each group separately to discuss their candidacies and issues affecting the sections. Topics included developing leadership, increasing member participation, and increasing overall membership.

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