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Nevada Internal Medicine First to Join the New Show-Me Health Information Network of Missouri

SHINE, the Show-Me Health Information Network of Missouri, in partnership with the Missouri State Medical Association, is pleased to announce Nevada Internal Medicine has joined the newly formed physician-led statewide interoperable health information exchange (HIE).

"I am excited to join SHINE," said Warren C. Lovinger, Jr., MD, past president of the MSMA, (see photo), and an internal medicine specialist. "As a physician, SHINE can help me access my patients' medical information when I need it, wherever I am. Better communication and care coordination between my office and hospitals, labs, pharmacies, and referring physicians across the state benefits my patients."

Alexander Hover, MD, and chair of the SHINE Physician



Advisory Committee said, "We value Dr. Lovinger and Nevada Internal Medicine as an HIE partner. Dr. Lovinger has been a champion for Missouri physicians for decades. His leadership in this endeavor is inestimable."

The SHINE HIE is unique and reaches beyond the simple transmission of data at the point of care. SHINE offers a suite of innovative technology tools to help physicians share patient information while employing powerful analytic reports designed to help improve clinical outcomes, reduce inefficiencies, and positively impact

patient safety.

Participating physicians, hospitals and other providers share patient health information, including information from

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MACRA Updates You Need to Know

The Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) recognizes the affect complex patients have on quality metrics as complex patients could drag down quality metric reporting as physicians struggle for adherence and/or care improvement. In 2018, CMS will award 5 bonus points in the Merit-Based Incentive Payment System (MIPS) program for treatment of such patients. This may appease critics who urged CMS not to water down standards and maintain their uniformity, while it acknowledges adherence struggles for some patients.

Complex patients will be determined by a combination of Hierarchical Condition Categories and the number of dually eligible patients a practice treats.

There will also be new Clinical Improvement Activities. In addition to changing 27 previously adopted clinical improvement activities, CMS is finalizing 21 new activities for 2018. These include achieving health equity via participation in clinical trials, research alliances or community-based research, and providing education opportunities for new clinicians. You can find MIPS performance category fact sheets and lists on this CMS website page: www.cms.gov/Medicare/Quality-Payment-Program/Resource-Library/2018-Resources.html

To learn how the Show-Me Health Information Network of Missouri can help you identify complex patients and help you confidently select Clinical Improvement Activities that best fit your practice, call 844-424-4370 today and schedule a demonstration.

Quality Matters: Learn How to Successfully Navigate the New Data Dilemma

In today's environment, Medicare's payment programs reward quality over quantity. Success relies upon high quality, accurate data, secured in a trusted health information exchange that physicians can utilize for analysis of patients' and populations' healthcare trends. Missouri physicians and practice managers must prepare to use data in actionable ways to quickly move into this new data-driven world.

MSMA and KaMMCO Health Solutions will present a CME educational event, Quality Matters: The New Data Dilemma, to help physicians effectively advance into this new data-driven environment. It is designed to provide physicians and clinicians with the knowledge to drive quality improvement and transform healthcare through the application of meaningful data analytics for quality reporting, population health management, risk management and clinical effectiveness.

Program presented by Laura McCrary, Ed.D, senior vice president, KaMMCO Health Solutions Inc., and executive director, Kansas Health Information Network, Inc., on Monday, May 14, 2018, from 6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m., at the St. Joseph Country Club – Ballroom, 50 Ridgeland Road, Country Club, MO. This is open to all physicians. For more information and to register, visit: www.shineofmissouri.com/About/Events.aspx. There is no cost to attend. Dinner will be provided and hosted by Buchanan County Medical Society.



MSMA: Advocating for ALL Medical Specialties

MSMA has been keeping an eye on two physical therapy bills this legislative session. Before the legislative spring break, MSMA testified in favor of House Bill 1652, which would allow physician-owned physical therapy. Missouri currently prohibits this practice because of a state law that was created to mirror the federal STARK law, which banned these setups as a conflict of interest. The federal law has since been reversed for physical therapy, but Missouri's state law remains in effect. House Bill 1652 would remedy that situation and allow physicians to own and offer in-house physical therapy services, which would streamline coordination of care and is more convenient for the patient.

The second bill that relates to physical therapy is House Bill 2090, which would allow patients to have direct access to physical therapy services without a physician's prescription. Since Missouri law states that physical therapists cannot diagnose, MSMA testified against this legislation. We maintain that allowing direct access to physical therapy services without a physician's recommendation would fragment patient care and may have dire consequences for some patients.

Get Ready for New Medicare Cards

CMS is removing Social Security numbers from Medicare cards and replacing them with a randomly-assigned number called a Medicare Beneficiary Identifier (MBI).

The MBI replaces the existing Social Security-based Health Insurance Claim Number (HICN) both on the beneficiaries' cards and in various CMS systems now in use.

CMS will start mailing new cards to Medicare beneficiaries in April 2018, though beneficiaries in Missouri won't receive them until after June 2018.

All Medicare cards will be replaced by April 2019. During the transition period (through Dec. 31, 2019) physicians will be able to use either the MBI or the HICN for billing purposes.

MoHealthNet also will have a transition period from April 1, 2018, through Dec. 31, 2019, in which it accepts either the old HICN or new MBI number.

More information is available online at: <https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/New-Medicare-Card>.



Qualified Medicare Beneficiary Claims: Replacement RAs

Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs) will issue replacement Remittance Advices (RAs) through non-monetary mass adjustments for Qualified Medicare Beneficiary (QMB) claims paid after October 2 and up to December 31, 2017, that have not been voided or replaced. Use the replacement RAs to resubmit Medicaid QMB cost-sharing claims that states initially failed to pay due to the RA changes. To avoid duplicate claims, do not resubmit claims that were successfully processed by secondary payers through claims submission or the Coordination of Benefits Agreement process.

Note that although mass-adjusted claims may not cross over, this solution targets affected providers who attempted to bill supplemental payers directly using CR9911 QMB RAs because their QMB cost-sharing claims either did not cross over or crossed over to supplemental payers but failed to process. The goal is to produce replacement Medicare RAs that providers can submit to supplemental payers to coordinate benefits as necessary.

For more information:

- MLN Matters Newsletter: <https://www.cms.gov/Outreach-and-Education/Medicare-Learning-Network-MLN/MLNMattersArticles/Downloads/MM10494.pdf>
- QMB Program webpage: <https://www.cms.gov/Medicare-Medicaid-Coordination/Medicare-and-Medicaid-Coordination/Medicare-Medicaid-Coordination-Office/QMB.html>
- Prohibition Billing Dually Eligible Individuals Enrolled in the QMB Program MLN Matters Article: <https://www.cms.gov/Outreach-and-Education/Medicare-Learning-Network-MLN/MLNMattersArticles/Downloads/SE1128.pdf>

Online CME for Addressing Disruptive Physician Behavior

In response to a directive from the American Medical Association House of Delegates (Resolution 012, A-17), the AMA has created a new resource to help medical staffs address disruptive physician behavior.

Inappropriate and disruptive behavior on the part of physicians and other hospital staff is more than a teamwork issue; these behaviors also present a serious threat to patient safety and quality of care. Accordingly, physicians and their medical staff organizations must adopt clear guidelines for identifying and fairly addressing inappropriate and disruptive behavior in the hospital setting.

Now available in the AMA Education Center, this free 30-minute (0.5 CME) learning module (<https://cme.ama-assn.org/Activity/5976608/Detail.aspx>) shows physicians how to define appropriate, inappropriate, and disruptive behavior, presents guidelines for dealing with these behaviors in a fair manner, and provides users with their own downloadable copy of the AMA Model Medical Staff Code of Conduct that they can integrate into their medical staff bylaws.



Around the State: Membership & Meetings

Contact Haley Wansing at hwansing@msma.org or Stephen Foutes at stephen@msma.org / Member names in bold

Medical Students Lobby Their Legislators

Medical students gathered at the Missouri State Capitol wearing their white coats in March for MSMA Student Lobby Day, (see photo, right). They received an update on legislative issues; had lunch and heard from **Jennifer Conley, MD**, who was serving as Physician of the Day; received information from Dean Linneman, Director of the Division of Regulation and Licensure at the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services; and met with Senator **Bob Onder, MD**. Students then visited with legislators, speaking in support of a Prescription Drug Monitoring Program, Patient Protections, Tanning Bed Ban for Minors and in opposition to Helmet Repeal.



West Central Medical Society

Members of West Central Medical Society had an informative meeting in February with guests Rep. Patricia Pike and Jonathan Smith of SHINE, who received gift baskets from **Warren Lovinger, MD**, MSMA Past President.



Greene County Medical Society

The Greene County Medical Society hosted its annual officer installation with a reception and dinner in January, with MSMA President **Warren Lovinger, MD**, (see photo, middle).presenting an update on MSMA activities and swearing in the officers of the 2018 GCMS Executive Council. **A. Daniel Pinheiro, MD**, was presented with a plaque for his service this past year, by **Matthew Stinson, MD**, GCMS President.



UMC MUltation

The University of Missouri-Columbia hosted its 20th Annual MUltation in January at Peachtree Banquet Center, where 250 first-year medical students, physicians and residents from 33 specialties connected in roundtable discussions about practicing in their specialties of choice (see photo, bottom). **Ted Groshong, MD**, MSMA-AMA Delegate, gave a warm welcome and encouraged participation in organized medicine. BCMS Executive Director Bev Wilcox and MSMA Membership Director Haley Wansing shared information about the benefits of membership with attendees.

Young Physicians Section

The MSMA-Young Physicians Section welcomes you! We meet three times a year: at the annual MSMA meeting and both AMA-YPS meetings. Please contact YPS Chairman Albert Hsu (allhsu@alum.mit.edu) or MSMA Director of Marketing Stephen Foutes (stephen@msma.org) if you'd like more information or you'd like to get involved.

Physician Mentors Needed for Student Support Program

As an MSMA member, you have the opportunity to serve as a mentor for medical students. More than 100 physicians have volunteered to make themselves available by telephone and email to an assigned student member. They are generally matched by specialty and specialty of interest, so the greater diversity we have within our program, the better it will be.

If you are willing to be connected with a student member of MSMA, sign up at www.msma.org/student-mentorship or email hwansing@msma.org.



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