

Progress Notes

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Rural Health Care Summit: MSMA and Stakeholders Meet

MSMA participated in the first-ever Rural Health Care Summit, convened by Governor Mike Parson. Held in Bolivar on December 4, rural health stakeholders from across the state met and listened to experts on rural health care.

Topics were broadly divided into two categories: infrastructure and workforce. The impetus behind the summit is to develop a means to deliver better, high-quality care to the state's rural population. Presently, 38% of the state's population resides in rural areas, but only 18% of health care providers call those areas

home. Among topics covered at the Summit were changes to the MO HealthNet program, telehealth, workforce development, the rural hospital crisis, and others. MSMA member **Karen Edison, MD**, informed the audience of the state's invaluable Show-Me ECHO program.

"The purpose of the summit is to learn from each other, hear about what is working, and explore together the areas where we can improve," said **Randall Williams, MD**, Director of the Department of Health and Senior Services and MSMA member.



Governor Mike Parson hosted a Rural Healthcare Summit in Bolivar, bringing together MSMA and other stakeholder and industry leaders to identify working solutions to address the challenges and unmet healthcare needs in rural Missouri.

Legislative Forecast 2019

Missouri's 100th General Assembly will convene on January 9, 2019 and adjourn on May 17. Your MSMA lobbyists will be advancing a pro-physician agenda, while simultaneously heading off attempts to interfere with your profession.

The November/December *Missouri Medicine* has complete forecast.



Visit www.msma.org/2019-legislative-forecast

Opioid Prescription Intervention Program Ultimatums - No More!

The opioid letters have stopped. MSMA physician members (**Randy Haight, MD; Steve Halpin, MD; Alex Hover, MD; Don James, DO; Daniel Millsbaugh, MD; and Naveed Razzaque, MD**) and three MSMA staff participated in Medicaid's Opioid Policy Advisory Council (OPAC) November 28. These physicians deserve a big thanks for helping to end the Opioid Prescription Intervention Program and its mass letter campaign.

Remember the BNDD and Board of Healing Arts ultimatums? No more! OPAC held a working meeting with subgroups reporting back on Compliance; Community Outreach; Clinical Benchmarks; and Education. MO HealthNet will continue to meet with the OPAC but will proceed in a more methodical manner. MSMA will remain involved and work with OPAC.

Got a Headache from Prior Authorization? Contact MSMA!

We've heard from many MSMA members about their increasing exasperation with the prior authorization process in Missouri. More frequently now insurers are requiring physicians to obtain prior approval before providing medical services and pharmaceuticals to their patients. Legislation that would streamline the process, improve patient care, and decrease administrative headaches for our doctors is in the works so physicians and their staff can spend valuable time treating their patients.

Your own story about a prior authorization headache always helps when the MSMA lobbying team can share a few short anecdotes when we're talking with legislators about an issue.

Contact heidi@msma.org/800-869-6762
with your prior authorization experiences/concerns



Coming Soon! A New MO HealthNet Provider Revalidations Portal

Missouri Medicaid Audit and Compliance announced a new Provider Revalidation Portal will be available for MO HealthNet providers starting January 7, 2019. Federal and state regulations require all physicians to revalidate their Medicaid enrollment at least every five years. Physicians will be able to complete their revalidation applications using the same EMOMED portal that is used to submit electronic claims to MO HealthNet. You may be one of the approximately 15,000 of the 60,000+ currently enrolled MO HealthNet providers to complete revalidation by June 30, 2019.

Starting January 7, 2019, emails will be sent to physicians and administrators directing the physicians and administrators to sign onto EMOMED and access the Revalidations Portal to see which of their physicians need to revalidate. View current enrollment information, edit any outdated or incorrect information, verify the updated information, and upload any required documentation needed to complete the revalidations process to be able to submit the completed revalidation application to MMAC via EMOMED.

Visit <https://mmac.mo.gov>

Renew Your Membership

Start the fall season by renewing your MSMA membership for 2019. Watch your mailboxes and email to ensure you don't miss out on important member benefits, including legislative support, member advocacy, and communication services.

Paying your MSMA dues on time saves your dues dollars for Association programs. If you have questions about your membership invoice, contact the MSMA membership division at 800-869-6762 or email cwilliams@msma.org.



MSMA: Advocating for ALL Medical Specialties

MSMA's lobbying team is already hard at work reviewing bills that have been prefiled for the 2019 legislative session. One bill of interest would create a statewide program to assist low-income Missourians who are deaf or hard of hearing with obtaining hearing aids. The program would be funded primarily by gifts, donations, and grants.

Very soon after the bill was prefiled, the MSMA team talked with the Missouri state members of the American Academy of Otolaryngology-Head & Neck Surgery about making sure that otolaryngologists were included along with audiologists and hearing instrument specialists in the list of health care professionals who can perform assessments regarding a patient's need for hearing aids.

MSMA plans to work with the sponsor of the bill during the legislative session to make sure that otolaryngologists could also play a part in this proposed program. We're very appreciative of our specialty groups – please don't hesitate to reach out to the MSMA lobbying team with questions or concerns if you see an issue with a bill that impacts your medical specialty.

Missouri's Guide to Controlled Substances



The Resource Guide to Prescribing, Administering, and Dispensing Controlled Substances is based on the most current state law sourced from Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs and the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS) guidelines.

- www.msma.org/guide-to-controlled-substances
- health.mo.gov/safety/medical-marijuana

2019 WHITE COAT RALLY



TUESDAY, MARCH 5, 2019

VISIT WWW.MSMA.ORG/WHITE-COAT-RALLY

Save the date! "What's New in Medicare in 2019"

Learn what's new in Medicare in 2019 via conference call by WPS Government Health Administrators staff, January 24, 2019 from 9-11 a.m. Details will soon be available on www.msma.org.

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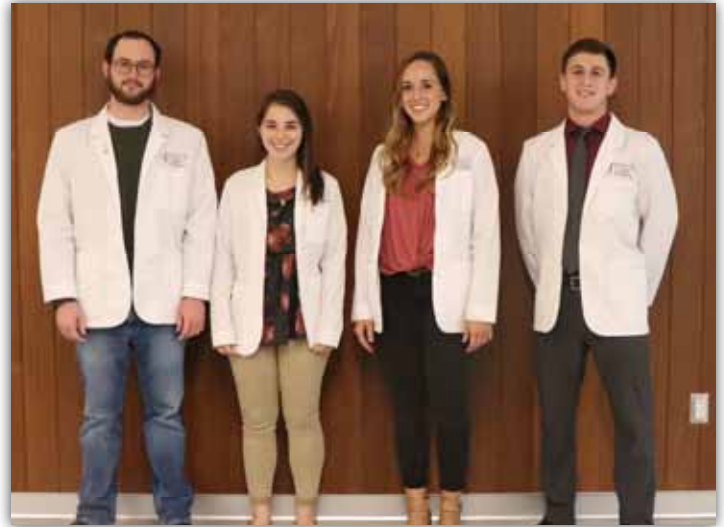
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Ten Medical Students Receive \$30,000 MSMA Scholarship

Ten MSMA member medical students from the Kansas City University of Medicine and Bioscience—both Kansas City and Joplin campuses—each received a \$3,000 MSMA Scholarship from the Missouri State Medical Foundation. Scholarship Recipients must be an MSMA student member and a graduate of a Missouri high school.



MSMA Scholarship Recipients from Kansas City University of Medicine and Biosciences—Kansas City Location. From left: Brett Thomas, Justin Sauter, Victoria Shaw, Connor Shaw, and Christian Casteel.



MSMA Scholarship Recipients from Kansas City University of Medicine and Biosciences—Joplin Location. From left: Evan Rose, Mikayla Knaebel, Abigail Finder, and Nathan Rodriguez. Not pictured, Lukas Moore.

2019 Annual Convention / April 5-7 / Westin Kansas City at Crown Center

Resolutions are YOUR Issues & Shape the Future of Medicine

Tort reform, insurance reform, prompt pay, and managed care reform are driven by MSMA's legislative agenda, which in turn is shaped by resolutions submitted by members at House of Delegates meetings.

If you feel strongly about an issue and believe your colleagues would join you to take action for change in medicine write and promote a resolution for change.

The resolution should simply detail and state the reason

and action for change. Resolutions can direct legislation, policy, research, public health, and education. Background research of MSMA and AMA policy is essential. Visit www.msma.org/msma-policies. AMA positions can be found at www.ama-assn.org.

Additional resolution writing tips can be found at www.msma.org/resolution-guidelines.

The deadline for submitting a resolution is 5:00 p.m., February 19, 2019.

House of Delegates

Friday, April 5 - 8:00 am

Sunday, April 7 - 8:15 am

Reference Committees

Friday, April 5

Reference Committee A - 10:00 am

Reference Committee B - 10:30 am

Program, Registration, Hotel: www.msma.org/annual-convention

Resolution Submission

DEADLINE

Wednesday,

February 19, 2019 - 5:00 pm

Email Cheri Martin

cmartin@msma.org

or fax 573-636-8552

Serve on a

Reference Committee

MSMA staff will provide the background and instructions.

Email Patrick Mills

pmills@msma.org

or call 800-869-6762.

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- Register Now
- Hotel Reservations
- Schedule of Events
- General Sessions
- House of Delegates
- Submit a Resolution
- Plan Your Meeting
- Exhibit and Sponsor

Make Hotel Reservations Now!

Online at www.msma.org/annual-convention or call the Westin Crown Center at 1-888-625-4988 and mention "2019 Missouri State Medical Association Annual Convention"

Group rates available until March 4, 2019.

Rates start at \$151 per night plus charges and taxes.





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Advocate! Educate! Participate!

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This excellent program is warmly received by the General Assembly and participating physicians. Lawmakers and their staff benefit from knowing good medical attention is close, and physicians enjoy spending a day in the Capitol, experiencing the political process.



One physician per day is needed every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday between Jan. 9 and May 17, 2019.

Plan to spend a day in Jefferson City as MSMA's Physician of the Day in the Capitol. Arrive in the Capitol around 9:00 or 9:30 a.m., and stay until 2:00 or 3:00 in the afternoon (except Thursdays, when the House and Senate typically adjourn around noon). Sign up at www.msma.org/physician-of-the-day.

Legislative Report Moves to Email – Must Opt in for Print Copy

IMPORTANT: If you received a paper copy of the *Legislative Report* during the past legislative session AND want to continue to receive the paper copy, please email cwilliams@msma.org or call 800-869-6762.

