

Progress Notes

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MSMA Reporting the Progress of Missouri's Medicine

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2018 Bills Affecting Medicine Signed into Law

- **ER Claim Denials/Prudent Layperson/SB 982**

This new section of law requires insurers to reimburse emergency room claims based on the initial symptoms, not the patient's final diagnosis. It outlines a simple claim review process for post-stabilization services in the ER. Furthermore, it dictates that the patient's treating ER physician is the sole determinant of when the patient is stabilized under the prudent layperson standard. Rather than billing an out-of-network patient, this legislation gives physicians the option to bill the patient's insurance carrier for unanticipated care delivered through the ER of an in-network facility. Submitting a bill to the insurer opens up a negotiation period, and the availability of arbitration, if needed. The new law also requires insurance companies to pay the facility and/or physician directly for care provided to out-of-network patients when the insurer has given the patient authorization to seek out-of-network care.

- **Mammography/HB 1252**

This legislation adds digital mammography and breast tomosynthesis to the definition of low-dose mammography screening. It also lowers the age threshold for annual mammogram coverage to 40, in accordance with recommendations of the American College of Radiology.

- **Telehealth/HB 1617**

This bill requires the Department of Social Services to reimburse physicians for telehealth services on the same basis as in-person services. It also reins in some overburdensome agency regulations.

- **Post-Partum Drug Treatment/HB 2280**

This bill extends substance abuse treatment services for MO HealthNet moms from two to twelve months after delivery. It is subject to appropriations (it already received some funding in this year's budget), and a federal CMS waiver.

- **Definition of Mental Health Professionals/SB 660**

The bill adds psychiatric physician assistants, psychiatric advanced practice registered nurses, and psychiatric assistant physicians to the definition of mental health professionals for the purposes of provisions of law relating to alcohol and drug abuse and comprehensive psychiatric services and adds a definition for each term. It also creates Post-Traumatic Stress Awareness Day and establishes the Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact.

MO HealthNet Opioid Prescription Intervention Update

Your MSMA has been working to represent physician interests with Medicaid's Opioid Prescription Intervention (OPI) Program.

MSMA staff has encouraged MO HealthNet to keep the OPI website (<https://dss.mo.gov/mhd/providers/opi-program.htm>) current with the latest information and supporting documents.

MSMA members Alex Hover, MD, Evan Schwarz, MD, and Matt Stinson, MD, participated in a May 9 Advisory Committee Conference - the minutes should be online soon. MSMA staff recently met with MO HealthNet and requested program modifications. Please email (pmills@msma.org) your HIPAA-compliant stories to help MSMA continue these discussions.

View MIPS Preliminary Performance Feedback Data

If you submitted 2017 Merit-based Incentive Payment System (MIPS) data through the Quality Payment Program website, your preliminary performance feedback is now available for review. This is not your MIPS final score or feedback.

Final scores and feedback will be available in July. Your final score and feedback will be available through the Quality Payment Program website (<https://qpp.cms.gov>). Access preliminary and final feedback with the same Enterprise Identity Management (EIDM) credentials that allowed you to submit and view your data during the submission period.

Likewise, if you participated in a MIPS Alternative Payment Model (APM) in 2017, specifically in a Medicare Shared Savings Program or Next Generation ACO, preliminary MIPS feedback is now available to your ACO via the Quality Payment Program website.

Under the MIPS APM Scoring Standard, the preliminary performance feedback, accessible to the APM Entity, will be based on the APM Entity score and is applicable to all MIPS eligible clinicians within the APM Entity group. This feedback and score does not have any impact on the Shared Savings Program or Next Generation ACOs' quality assessment.

Once available, Participant TINs in the Shared Savings Program will be able to log into the Quality Payment Program website and directly access final performance feedback. Participants in Next Generation ACOs will need to request feedback from a representative (such as a security official) within their APM Entity.



Check 2018 Eligibility for MIPS



The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) announced that physician practices/groups may now log into the CMS QPP website to

check their 2018 eligibility for Medicare's Merit-based Incentive Payment System (MIPS). After groups log in, they will be able to click into a details screen to see the eligibility status of every clinician in the group (based on their National Provider Identifier or NPI) to find out whether they need to participate during the 2018 performance year for MIPS.

CMS will not be sending out letters to advise physicians of their eligibility status this year, so checking on the QPP participation status look-up tool is the only way to determine or verify eligibility status.

Eligibility rules in 2018 are different than in 2017 so status this year may be different than last. Also as is indicated in the look-up tool, exempt individual clinicians still will need to report if their group is eligible and chooses to report as a group.

The look-up tool can be found at <https://qpp.cms.gov/participation-lookup?npi=1407994916#summary>.

MIPS Promoting Interoperability Performance Category

Recently, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), announced a name change of the MIPS Advancing Care Information performance category to the Promoting Interoperability performance category.

Here are a few things you need to know about the name change:

1. Promoting Interoperability is not a new performance category; it's just the new name for the Advancing Care Information performance category. This new name better reflects the increased focus on interoperability and improving patient access to health information.

2. The 2018 requirements for the Promoting Interoperability performance category are exactly the same as what was finalized for the Advancing Care Information performance category. For an overview of the 2018 Promoting Interoperability performance category and participation requirements, review this fact sheet at <https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Quality-Payment-Program/Resource-Library/2018-Promoting-Interoperability-Fact-Sheet.pdf>.

3. In addition to renaming the Advancing Care Information performance category, CMS also changed the name of the EHR Incentive Programs to the Promoting Interoperability Programs. To learn more about the Promoting Interoperability Programs, visit <https://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Legislation/EHRIncentivePrograms/index.html>.

Physician Compare Downloadable Database: 2016 Performance Scores

<https://data.medicare.gov/data/physician-compare>

Clinicians and group representatives, your 2016 performance scores are available through the Physician Compare Downloadable Database:

- 2016 Physician Quality Reporting System (PQRS) measures for clinicians and groups
- 2016 Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems for PQRS summary survey measures for groups
- 2016 non-PQRS Qualified Clinical Data Registry (QCDR) measures for clinicians and groups
- Subset of 2015 utilization data for clinicians

Vision for Rural Healthcare

In May, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) released the agency's first Rural Health Strategy, which is intended to provide a proactive approach on healthcare issues to ensure individuals who live in rural America have access to high quality, affordable healthcare.

The strategy, built on input from rural providers and beneficiaries, focuses on five objectives to achieve CMS's vision for rural health:

- Apply a rural lens to CMS programs and policies
- Improve access to care through provider engagement and support
- Advance telehealth and telemedicine
- Empower patients in rural communities to make decisions about their healthcare
- Leverage partnerships to achieve the goals of the CMS Rural Health Strategy

For more information, visit: <http://go.cms.gov/ruralhealth>.

American Cancer Society Updates Colorectal Cancer Screening Guideline

An updated American Cancer Society guideline says colorectal cancer screening should begin at age 45 for people at average risk, based in part on data showing rates of colorectal cancer are increasing in young and middle-aged populations.

The new recommended starting age is based on colorectal cancer (CRC) incidence rates, results from microsimulation modeling that demonstrate a favorable benefit-to-burden balance of screening beginning at age 45, and the expectation that screening will perform similarly in adults ages 45 to 49 as it does in adults for whom screening is currently recommended (50 and older). The updated recommendations are published online in *CA: A Cancer Journal for Clinicians*, a peer-reviewed journal of the American Cancer Society.

Visit <https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/full/10.3322/caac.21457> for more information.



Around the State: Membership & Meetings

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Ten \$2500 MSMA Scholarships were awarded to Missouri medical students at UMKC



Front row, left to right: Rico Beuford, Austin Harris, Adele Souter, Elizabeth Robin, Paige Charboneau. Back row, Fred Hahn, MD, Dylan Schwindt, Robert Johnson, Keaton Altom, Samuel Maples. Not pictured: Madeline Klaesner.

Northeast

The Northeast Missouri County Medical Society awarded their annual scholarships to area students: Claire Wolber at UMKC School of Medicine and Kane Laks at UMC School of Medicine.

Medical Student Section

The following medical students recently graduated from a school of medicine in Missouri, and received the MSMA Honor Graduate Award.

- A.T. Still University: Rose Glasetter
- Kansas City University: Elizabeth Anne Collier
- Saint Louis University: Jaren Lance Dickey, Yoon Kook Kim, Alexandra Ragsdale
- University of Missouri-Columbia: Ariel Carpenter, Jared Lammert
- University of Missouri-Kansas City: Gaurav Anand, Brooks Kimmis
- Washington University: Nora Burdis, Katerina Konstantinoff, Sagar Mehta

CME Training at MSMA

MSMA hosted a Continuing Medical Education training at Association headquarters on May 15, 2018. CME staff and new MSMA Commission on Continuing Education members attended the day-long training designed for those involved in CME for eighteen months or less. Attendees were from the following entities: Esse Health, Children's Mercy Hospital, Missouri Baptist Medical Center, St. Louis Metropolitan Medical Society, and Kansas City Society of Ophthalmology and Otolaryngology. MSMA's Accreditation Criteria and MSMA's Commercial Support Guidelines were reviewed in great detail. Additionally, policies and procedures as they relate to planning continuing medical education activities were discussed. MSMA currently accredits twenty-five entities statewide and offers educational opportunities on a continual basis.

Missouri Honor Fund Awards First Recipient



The American Medical Association Foundation Missouri Honor Fund awards its first Community Health Grant in St. Louis.

The American Medical Association Foundation Missouri Honor Fund Community Health Grant awarded its first recipient: Bridging The Gap program at the Health Protection and Education Services. The program serves immigrant communities in St. Louis in collaboration with Saint Louis University medical students and targets pre-diabetes detection, education, and treatment. The grant total was \$40,100. Also, the first recipient of the Edmond and Rima Cabbabe Dedication to the Profession Awards. Tina Shah is a physician and operations scientist focused on helping clinicians work at the "top of their game." She is the CEO of TNT Health Enterprises LLC, a company that uses evidence-based strategies in wellbeing to optimize health system operations. In 2016, Dr. Shah was appointed by President Obama to the White House Fellowship. She served as a Special Advisor to the Secretary of Veteran Affairs, and became the agency's first Director of Clinician Wellbeing. She received her award on June 8 in Chicago at the AMAF reception during the American Medical Association Annual meeting.

MSMA to Take Executive Directorship of BCMS

For the first time in its 168-year history, the Missouri State Medical Association (MSMA) will be executive director for a county medical society. MSMA's new role with the Boone County Medical Society (BCMS) begins July 1, upon the retirement of the society's longtime Executive Director Beverly Wilcox, who held the position for the last 18 years.

MSMA currently manages several medical specialty societies, including the American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, the American College of Emergency Physicians, American College of Physicians and Missouri Kansas Neurological Society. BCMS is the first local-level society to contract with MSMA for executive directorship services.

"We're honored BCMS selected us to serve in this important role," said MSMA Executive Vice President Patrick Mills. "While it's impossible to replace someone like Beverly Wilcox, we're committed to providing outstanding service to the society and its physician members."

MSMA Director of Marketing Stephen Foutes will follow Wilcox as executive director and in handling the society's day-to-day operations. The Boone County Medical Society was organized in 1902 and includes physicians from Boone, Howard, and Cooper counties.



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COMING SOON! 2019 Physician of the Day

Join MSMA in the Missouri State Capitol!

Every legislative session, beginning in early January and ending in mid-May, many MSMA members generously volunteer a day of their time to serve as the Physician of the Day at the Missouri State Capitol in Jefferson City. The Physician of the Day spends a Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday during the legislative session in the Capitol building as an on-call physician in case legislators or legislative staff have a medical concern. Legislators and staff are very thankful for this program, and it's a great opportunity for you to meet and talk with your local legislators.

We know your schedules can become full weeks and even months in advance, so we offer a convenient online scheduling tool on the MSMA website: www.msma.org/physician-of-the-day. It's never too early to sign up to volunteer during next year's legislative session.

Come spend a day in Jefferson City with us!

