

Progress Notes

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MSMA Reporting the Progress of Missouri's Medicine

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Free Assistance to Seniors During Medicare Open Enrollment

The Missouri Department of Insurance is encouraging consumers who are eligible for Medicare to review their plan options and costs during this year's open enrollment.

The open enrollment period, which runs Oct. 15 through Dec. 7, presents Missourians with the opportunity to change their Part D drug coverage or Medicare Advantage plans.

To help consumers choose a plan that best meets their needs, the department offers free assistance to Missourians who are eligible for Medicare and their caregivers through the department's CLAIM program. CLAIM can also help Missourians on a limited income determine whether they qualify for a Low-Income Subsidy and/or Medicare Savings Programs to offset the cost of their prescription drugs.

Missourians can ask questions by phone or arrange one-on-one counseling by calling 1-800-390-3330 or visiting missouricclaim.org. The website also offers a list of free open enrollment events that CLAIM is hosting throughout Missouri.

New Medicare Card Mailing in Missouri

CMS has started mailing new Medicare cards to people with Medicare who live in Missouri. If someone with Medicare who lives in Missouri says they did not get a card, you should instruct them to:

- Sign into MyMedicare.gov to see if a card was mailed.
- Call 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227) where we can verify their identity, check their address, and help them get their new card.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Now Expanded to Members

MSMA is stepping up the frequency of the *Legislative Report*, expanding to the second half of the year and now being emailed to members on the first and third Thursday of the month. When the legislative session opens, you'll continue to receive the weekly *Legislative Report* through May.

WE NEED YOUR EMAILS - OPT IN FOR PRINT ONLY

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.

Missouri Medicine Published on National Libraries of Medicine

- September/October *Missouri Medicine* Now Online
- 5,456 articles indexed on PubMed (January 1966+)
- 9 complete Journal volumes indexed on PubMed Central (2010-2018+)



Visit www.msma.org/missouri-medicine-library

Are You Ready for MACRA/MIPS?

www.shineofmissouri.com/Member-Resources/Are-You-Ready-for-MACRA-MIPS

The Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act of 2015 (MACRA) is intended to rapidly push the transformation of the US health care system toward performance-based payment models across both government and commercial payers.

The law provides strong incentives to physicians for participation in Medicare risk-sharing Alternative Payment Models (APMs).

For physicians who choose not to become involved in APMs, they will be required to report and perform well on four categories – quality, advancing care information, improvement activities and cost. Bearing risk and reporting on clinical performance requires the ability to collect, analyze and report on clinical performance data.

SHINE of Missouri ROI

Your Missouri State Medical Association's partnership with

SHINE (Show-Me Health Information Network of Missouri) is creating significant



ROI (return on investment) opportunities for physicians.

SHINE has launched its #killthefax initiative both for simplicity and risk reduction. Your 2018 MIPS performance rating will determine your 2020 Medicare payment adjustment up to +/-5%.

Hands-on assistance for #killthefax and MIPS compliance is available from Jonathan Smith at jsmith@shineofmissouri.com or call 844-424-4370 or go to <https://www.shineofmissouri.com> and look under Member Resources.

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2019 WHITE COAT RALLY



TUESDAY, MARCH 5, 2019

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

Council Actions: Tort Reform, PDMP, APRN Licensure, SHINE-HIE

Medicine gained a significant tort reform victory in the recent Missouri Supreme Court decision (*Shallow v. Follwell*), MSMA Council heard at your Association’s October Council Meeting in Jefferson City.

Ravi Johar, MD, reported that MSMA is participating in TCD (Time-Critical Diagnosis) Task Force meetings. Issues for the upcoming 2019 legislative session include PDMP, APRN licensure, and prior authorization reforms. Dr. Johar encouraged members to sign up as Physician of the Day at the Capitol, and invited everyone to the “White Coat Rally” lobbying day scheduled for March 5, 2019.

MSMA and statewide medical school deans are in partnership to make physicians and physicians-in-training aware of the benefits of organized medicine. Utilize the recruitment tools at www.msma.org/engage.

SHINE HIE

The Show-Me Health Information Network (SHINE) will host an upcoming CME event in Hannibal. SHINE offers a positive cost benefit versus plans that charge for individual features (EHR, patient portal, etc.) Other positive aspects include a discount for early-adopters, billing after one year, and the ability to disconnect with a five-day notice if not satisfied.

Annual Convention

Physicians are invited to MSMA’s 161st Annual Convention, where six General Sessions will be offered and free CME to members. Program, registration, lodging, exhibit information, House of Delegates, and disposition of 208 resolutions can be found at www.msma.org/annual-convention.

Membership

Warren Lovinger, Jr., MD, reported that MSMA staff will be traveling more extensively to reach out to new and existing members. The Council also heard more information on the

MSMA Ambassador membership program and fund-raising for the Missouri State Medical Foundation scholarship program, which currently provides \$180,000 in scholarships to students at the six Missouri medical schools.

Public Affairs

George Hubbell, MD, discussed Resolution #10/ Breastfeeding which was adopted by the MSMA House of Delegates at the 2018 Annual Convention. Since resources exist for collecting breastfeeding data, the Commission recommended an article be published in *Missouri Medicine* encouraging physicians to distribute data to increase Missouri breastfeeding rates. **Craig Yugawa**, Medical Student Section Councilor, stated the resolution was sponsored by the MSS, and offered to contribute to the article.

District Reports (selected)

District 3

Inderjit Singh, MD, reported the St. Louis Metropolitan Medical Society’s second Physician Insurance Survey results are on the SLMMS website, www.slmms.org. The Annual Hippocrates Lecture featured **Steve Miller, MD**, of Express Scripts: “Drug Pricing Transparency: What Doctors Need to Know to Provide Care in a Murky World.”

District 5

Lisa Thomas, MD, reported that Boone County Medical Society’s annual gala is February 2, 2019, at The Club at Old Hawthorne. Members met in November for a program on identity theft and human trafficking. BCMS is supporting its Alliance in its reorganization efforts; the Alliance will be sponsoring family-focused events.

District 7

Michael O’Dell, MD, reported that KCMS will hold its annual meeting November 28 at the Overland Park Convention Center.

District 8

Jim Blaine, MD, organized the Greene County Medical Society Opioid Committee to coordinate physician activity and input with local Greene County governmental, judicial, and law enforcement officials as well as the Mental Health Substance Abuse and Behavioral Disorder Task Force and addiction center physicians. **Alexander Hover, MD**, stated that he and **Matthew Stinson, MD**, had participated in an Opioid Advisory Council in May. He encouraged collaboration with Alliances, and reported that the GCMS Alliance is developing AMA-approved materials on opioid abuse for distribution.

District 10

Douglas Wallace, MD, reported that the Cape Girardeau Area Medical Society hosted a Cancer Symposium in October.

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MSMA Reaching Out and Representing YOU!

- Participated in the Time Critical Diagnosis (TCD) task force organized by the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services. The task force includes representation from statewide and regional organizations all over Missouri, and has been tasked with reviewing the state's TCD regulations.
- Talked to MSMA membership with the physicians from Signature Orthopedics - South County and Signature Orthopedics - West County, St. Louis.
- Attended the ATSU Founder's Day reception in Kirksville on behalf of MSMA.
- Spoke to a group of about 60 physicians and other providers during a meeting of regional SSM Health Physicians (from Mexico and Jefferson City) in Fulton.
- **James DiRenna, DO**, MSMA President-Elect, presented to first-year students at Kansas City University of Medicine and Biosciences about the benefits of belonging to MSMA.
- Traveled with MSMA President **Joe Corrado, MD**, to Cape Girardeau County Medical Society meeting to speak about MSMA advocacy efforts and the importance of organized medicine.
- Traveled to Springfield for the Greene County Medical Society's Legislative Forum.
- Coordinated Boone County Medical Society in partnership with University of Missouri School of Medicine's Department of Ophthalmology, as they hosted a Residency Program Director/Coordinator event with MU Med School M3s.

Medical Students Receive \$3000 MSMA Scholarship Each from MSM Foundation



University of Missouri - Columbia Scholarship Recipients

Must be an MSMA student member and a graduate of a Missouri high school

Front row, from left: Allison Hall, Brittney Dioneda, Lauren Lester, Kelsey Knobbe. Middle row, from left: Liga Blyholder, Brian Blankenship, Humza Ahmed. Back row, from left: Patrick Mills, Eric Grisham, Shelby Harris, Chance Walker.

Council Actions, continued

Resident and Fellow Section

Nathaniel Barbe, DO, reported the RFS is promoting the White Coat Rally event, and encouraging Medical Student Section members to continue their membership after transitioning to Resident and Fellows.

AMA Report

Edmond Cabbabe, MD, reported the AMA delegation will represent Missouri physicians at the 2018 AMA Interim meeting in Maryland in November. **Charles Van Way III, MD**, authored the recap in the upcoming *Missouri Medicine*. The recipient of the Missouri Honor Fund/AMA Foundation \$41,000 grant was an urban clinic in St. Louis that focuses on diabetes prevention. The grant can be

applied for online on the AMA Foundation website. **Barbara McAneny, MD**, President of the American Medical Association, will speak at the second House of Delegates' April 7, during the 2019 MSMA Annual Convention.

Alliance

The Alliance encouraged participation in the Alliance's Holiday Sharing card campaign. The Alliance presented a ceremonial check for \$1,000 to **Lisa Thomas, MD**, of the Missouri Physicians Health Program, in honor of Marsha Conant's 2017 term as Alliance President.

Next Council Meeting

The next meeting is January 13, 2019, at the DoubleTree Hotel in Jefferson City.

DEA Registrants Report Extortion Scam

If you are contacted by a person purporting to work for DEA and seeking money or threatening to suspend your DEA registration, submit the information through "Extortion Scam Online Reporting" posted on the DEA Diversion Control Division's website, www.DEADiversion.usdoj.gov.

MSMA Reports Phishing

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10 Reasons to Volunteer as MSMA Physician of the Day



1. You can add your voice to the causes important to Missouri's physicians and patients.
2. It's very likely you'll receive a hearty round of applause upon your introduction to the Senate and House of Representatives.
3. The MSMA Physician of the Day gets a special parking spot in the Senate garage.
4. You can get to know your elected officials on a personal basis, and invite them to contact you regarding healthcare issues.
5. You can sit in on a legislative hearing as healthcare policy gets amended and adopted (or defeated).
6. It's not hard; it's mostly sore throats and headaches.
7. Senators and Representatives love having visitors from "back home." Chances are good your photo will make it into their weekly newsletter to constituents.
8. The MSMA Physician of the Day gets to skip the long security lines in the Capitol.
9. It reinforces the incredible importance of the profession in the eyes of those who write the laws.
10. AND FINALLY...You'll get to talk politics and hear the inside scoop from the MSMA lobby team.

SIGN UP

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