MSMA Sends Letter to Governor Urging Ban on Vaping Products

Governor Mike Parson signed an executive order on October 15 directing the Missouri Departments of Health and Senior Services, Elementary and Secondary Education, and Public Safety to create a statewide campaign to educate, warn, and deter the use of vaping devices among Missouri’s youth.

A letter on behalf of MSMA physicians was recently sent to Gov. Parson calling for a ban on flavored vapor products and greater restrictions on vapor products being procured by minors. MSMA thanks Gov. Parson and the state agencies under his direction for taking this issue seriously, and we look forward to future action.

Upcoming issues of Missouri Medicine will feature scientific articles on the effects of vaping.

Looking to Install an HIE?

Funding Available

Missouri is the recipient of the Physicians Foundation grant for getting interconnected through the Show Me Health Information Network (SHINE) Health Information Exchange. The grant assists with the interface costs for independent physician practices. There is still funding available. For more information, contact Jonathan Smith, MPH, at jsmith@kammco.com or call 785-232-2224.

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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 advocacy and programs. If you have questions about your membership invoice, contact the MSMA membership division at 800-869-6762 or email cwilliams@msma.org.
MO Health Net: 
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Opioid Treatment Programs

Starting January 1, 2020, CMS plans to pay Opioid Treatment Programs through bundled payments for opioid use disorder treatment services for people with Medicare Part B, including medication-assisted treatment medications, toxicology testing, and counseling. For more information review the fact sheet at https://www.cms.gov/Center/Provider-Type/All-Fee-For-Service-Providers/Downloads/OTP-Services.pdf.

Clarification on DME Medical Documentation

CMS has provided clarification stating the medical records must be completed by the clinician treating the beneficiary. When ordering Durable Medical Equipment (DME), the medical record should be accessible to the supplier of the equipment. The supplier should not be directing the clinician on the contents of the medical record. The supplier may respond that coverage criteria have not been met in the record requiring additional documentation to support the equipment being ordered. Noridian has developed a Clinician’s Corner (https://med.noridianmedicare.com/web/jddme/policies/clinicians-corner) that houses checklists (https://med.noridianmedicare.com/web/jddme/policies/clinicians-corner/checklists) for most DMEPOS items which can be used to determine what needs to be included in the medical record when ordering these items.
Patricia Hirner, MD, MSMA member since 1999, a surgeon at the Hannibal Clinic, spoke on the “Stop the Bleed” program which is an initiative of the American College of Surgeons and several other specialty societies to instruct the public to stop the bleeding and save lives if they are witness to accidents and are the only ones available to help until the ambulance crews arrive. The emphasis is on saving lives. They are planning on beginning presentations to local organizations (Lions, Rotary, Schools, etc.) in the near future. The NEMO Medical Society purchased the instructional kits to go along with the program (approximate cost of $1,000).

Advocate! Educate! Participate!

www.msma.org/physician-of-the-day

This excellent program is warmly received by the General Assembly and participating physicians. One physician per day is needed every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday between Jan. 8 and May 15, 2020.

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

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ATSU

MSMA was honored to receive the A.T. Still Fellow Award for contributions promoting the continued growth of A.T. Still University in Kirksville. MSMA, through the Foundation, has provided more than $100,000 in MSMA Scholarships to ATSU medical students since the scholarship program’s inception. Pictured are Bob Behnen, ATSU Associate VP for University Advancement; Heidi Geisbuhler, MSMA Director of Legislative Affairs; and ATSU President Craig Phelps, DO.

UMC

MSMA presented the University of Missouri-Columbia School of Medicine with a $40,000 MSMA Scholarship check, provided through the MSMA Foundation. Ten medical-school students will each receive a $4,000 scholarship through this award. Pictured is one of the scholarship recipients, Adebj Haroon. He’s joined by, from left, Medical School Dean Steven Zweig, MD; and longtime MSMA members and MU School of Medicine alumni Ted Groshong, MD, and Michael Bukstein, MD.

Boone

The Boone County Medical Society hosted a program on medical marijuana for its members and guests at Boone Hospital in Columbia. Right, presenters were Lyndall Fraker, Director of Missouri’s Section for Medical Marijuana Regulation, and Jose Caldera, Assistant City Counselor for the City of Columbia. Fraker gave an overview and update on the state program; Caldera focused on Columbia-specific regulations.
New Member Benefit - Advocacy App

A new MSMA benefit makes it easier for you to connect with your legislators. MSMA has partnered with Phone2Action to give you the opportunity to quickly and conveniently send emails, post Tweets, and place phone calls directly to your elected leaders. The Phone2Action program will connect you directly to your local legislator’s office through phone or email, which makes getting involved in MSMA’s advocacy efforts even easier!

When there’s an issue that impacts the medical profession and patient care, MSMA will notify you via text message. The message will contain a link that, when clicked, sends an email, Tweet, or places a phone call to your state representative or senator.

1. Sign up to start: Text MOMEDICAL to 52886 (message and data rates may apply)
2. Watch for notifications on legislation or policy changes
3. Act (click a link) to connect with your legislators

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