

- **WORKING TO KEEP PHYSICIAN LED TEAM BASED CARE IN PLACE** •

MSMS members and the Government Relations Department **continue to educate lawmakers about two dangerous scope of practice bills** that aim to authorize nurse practitioners and nurse anesthetists to practice without physician supervision. MSMS physician member advocacy efforts have essentially slowed down this legislation, but proponents continue to push hard for passage this fall. MSMS will continue to highlight the quality and safety concerns inherent in these bills through the lame duck session of the legislature at the end of this year.

- **EXPANSION OF ESSENTIAL HEALTH PROVIDER LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM** •

Through MSMS' efforts in partnering with the Michigan Academy of Family Physicians and the MSMS Medical Student Section, **we were able to increase the amount that the program re-pays on medical student loans to incentivize** more medical students to practice primary care in rural and underserved parts of the state. The bipartisan legislation was co-sponsored by Senator John Moolenaar (R-Midland) and Senator Jim Ananich (D-Flint).

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- **GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION FUNDING FULLY RESTORED** •

Through MSMS physician member advocacy and MSMS Government Relations efforts, Graduate Medical Education (GME) **funding was fully restored in the 2015 state budget**. Additionally, MSMS was successful in implementing new, innovative ways of funding GME through new programs such as MiDocs, which will provide focus on increasing primary care residencies in rural and underserved areas in Michigan.

- **ICD-10** •

MSMS is helping members and their staff transition to ICD-10 by offering training, including a **"Boot Camp"**, a multitude of coding courses for office staff, and one-on-one assistance from the MSMS Reimbursement Advocate.

- **SUCCESSFUL COALITION WITH MICHIGAN ALLERGISTS** •

MSMS led the charge with the Michigan Allergy and Asthma Society to add an exemption for biologic products to legislation regulating pharmaceutical compounding. The exemption was critical in order to provide a clear understanding that pharmaceutical and biologic compounding are different in nature. This is an example of how **MSMS is watching out for the best interests of our physician members so they can continue to provide care to their patients without inappropriate governmental regulations getting in the way**.

• INCREASING IMMUNIZATION AWARENESS •

MSMS is leading the charge when it comes to increasing awareness for immunizations in Michigan. As the leader of a coalition of health care organizations focused on this critical issue, MSMS continues to advocate about the importance of getting vaccinated against influenza and pneumococcal diseases.

• EMPLOYED PHYSICIANS •

MSMS' magazine *Michigan Medicine* delves into the realities of employment and private practice. Also,



MSMS offers a litany of services - many of them free - to members who specifically are employed by hospitals or health systems.

• HIPAA FINAL RULE •

MSMS legal counsel has prepared a members-only guidance document to help members understand the final changes, and MSMS recently updated its popular HIPAA Guide.

• FOCUS ON INTERNATIONAL MEDICAL GRADUATES •

Governor Snyder's administration recently created the Michigan Office of New Americans that focuses on providing assistance with immigration issues. The Office of New Americans is working closely with the MSMS International Medical Graduate Section on health care workforce initiatives while also **focusing on ways to attract the best and the brightest physicians from around the world to come to the state of Michigan.**

MSMS Subsidiaries & Partners

MSMS Physicians Insurance Agency (PIA) – PIA counsels Michigan physicians and their staff about mandates and provisions of the Affordable Care Act, particularly for physicians as employers. PIA also offers a complete line of insurance products, from professional liability to homeowners and everything in between.

Docright.com – MSMS' new partner, Docright.com, has been helping members compare electronic health record vendors through its resources and services. Most recently, Docright.com presented two free, live PQRS webinars for MSMS members.

WealthCare Advisors – MSMS' partner, WealthCare Advisors, provides content to members in every issue of *Michigan Medicine* on topics such as investment opportunities, cost-savings tips for medical practices, and more. Members also may seek specific advice on professional and/or personal financial matters.

MSMS PRESENTS: Lunch Time Updates

The MSMS Education Department has been hosting a FREE lunch and learn webinar series focused on key policy issues impacting physicians in the state of Michigan. Connecting members with subject matter experts in areas such as HIPAA, Meaningful Use, PQRS, and the Affordable Care Act, the series will continue through the end of the year. Don't worry if you missed one in the series! The past webinars are available on the MSMS.org website to view on demand!

Don't miss the upcoming topics:

- September 3, 2014: Understanding and Preventing Identity Theft in Your Practice
- October 29, 2014: Understanding and Negotiating Contracts
- November 12, 2014: Disability Insurance
- December 3, 2014: Physician Online Ratings & Reviews: Do's & Don'ts

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