

October 2008 E-Bulletin

OCMS Special Group Manager's Meeting

There will be a Special OCMS Group Manager's meeting on **Tuesday, October 7th** from 9:00-10:30a.m. at The Community House in Birmingham. The agenda will be OCMS legal counsel reviewing the Medicare Advantage provider contracts. Physicians are also encouraged to attend.

House Fails to Pass Smoke-Free Air Bill

The Michigan House of Representatives voted 50-49 Tuesday against HB 4163, but then moved to reconsider the issue later this week. House Bill 4163 is the Senate-passed, comprehensive bill that would ban smoking in all workplaces with no exemptions.

Some of the contention comes from House members who want to carve out cigar bars, non-Indian casino gaming areas, tobacco specialty shops, bingo games/millionaire parties, and any bar or restaurant that has a certificate to allow smoking (which they could apply for).

Because the Senate already acted on this legislation and has not supported the idea of exemptions, supporting any exemptions to this bill now would be tantamount to killing it.

URGENT ACTION IS NEEDED! Use the OCMS Action Center (www.ocms-mi.org) to send an electronic message to your representative, urging him/her to vote "YES" in concurrence with the Senate-passed, comprehensive HB 4163 with NO EXEMPTIONS.

Also, call House Speaker Andy Dillon's office (517-373-0857) to urge his support of a bill without exemptions for the health of all Michigan citizens.

St. Joseph Mercy Oakland Hosts 51st Annual Allen Silbergleit, MD Clinic Day

On Wednesday, November 19th, St Joseph Mercy Oakland will host its 51st Annual Allen Silbergleit MD Clinic Day in the Anthony M Franco Communications Center on the SJMO campus.

This year's topic is "Frontiers in Cancer Care" with presentations on some of the most exciting advances in medicine and surgery given by five distinguished visiting professors. The program begins at 7:30a.m. and concludes at 12:30p.m. Attendees will receive 4 Category I CME Credits.

For more information please call Debra Reid at (248) 858-3234.

CME CALENDAR

Billing for Physician Extenders

October 7, 2008
Registration: 8:30a.m.;
Program: 9:00a.m.-Noon
Hotel Baronette, Novi

Coding for Mental Health

October 7, 2008
Registration: 8:30a.m.;
Program: 9:00a.m.-Noon
Hotel Baronette, Novi

Coding for Cardiology

October 7, 2008
Registration: 12:30p.m.; Program: 1-4p.m.
Hotel Baronette, Novi

Coding for Dermatology

October 7, 2008
Registration: 12:30p.m.; Program: 1-4p.m.
Hotel Baronette, Novi

Conference on Bioethics

October 10 & 11, 2008
Registration: 6:00p.m.; Program: Friday
6:30p.m. – Saturday 3:30p.m.
Grand Traverse Resort, Traverse City

143rd Annual Scientific Meeting

October 22-24, 2008
Somerset Inn, Troy

Billing for Primary Care

October 22, 2008
Registration: 12:30p.m.; Program: 1-4p.m.
Somerset Inn, Troy

It's About Time: Office Efficiency

October 22, 2008
Registration: 12:30p.m.; Program: 1-4p.m.
Somerset Inn, Troy

Documentation for Doctors: E&M Coding

October 23, 2008
Registration: 8:30a.m.; Program: 9:00a.m.-
Noon
Somerset Inn, Troy

Advanced ICD-9 Coding

October 23, 2008
Registration: 8:30a.m.; Program: 9:00a.m.-
Noon
Somerset Inn, Troy

The Masters Series: Defining the Next Decade of Health Care

October 23, 2008
Registration: 11:30a.m.; Program: 12:00p.m.-
4:30p.m.
Somerset Inn, Troy

OCMS Board of Directors Meeting

October 16th - Full Board of Directors Meeting, 5:30p.m. Dinner, 6:00p.m. Meeting, The Townsend Hotel, Birmingham

BCBSM Meeting

The next BCBSM meeting with Tom Simmer, MD will be Friday, October 10th from 3-5p.m.

OCMS Delegation Meeting

OCMS will have their next Delegation Meeting on **Monday, November 17th** at 5:30pm at The Community House in Birmingham.

The Delegation Committee comprises OCMS physician members from throughout Oakland County who serve as the county's representatives to the Michigan State Medical Society's (MSMS) physician governing body. This governing body of physicians meets annually to determine the policies, financial priorities, and positions of the state medical society.

The OCMS' Delegation meets locally throughout the year (generally in the months of September, November, January, February, and March) to determine which policies and priorities it believes MSMS should pursue in the coming year. The delegation then lobbies its positions at the annual statewide meeting. The delegation also supports and campaigns for candidates running for state and local positions within the leadership of the Michigan State Medical Society.

If you are interested in joining the Delegation Committee please contact Donna LaGosh at 248-773-4000 or dlagosh@msms.org

OCMS/OCMSA to Host Estate Planning Seminar

OCMS and the OCMS Alliance will be hosting an Estate Planning Seminar with guest speaker, Sandra Lutkenhoff, a certified financial planner from Smith Barney on **Thursday, November 13th**. The event will be from 6:30-8:00p.m. at The Community House in Birmingham.

You may RSVP to Kitty Prasad at 248-203-0445 or kitpin8@aol.com or Randa Seifeldin at 248-952-1909 or rseifeldin@hotmail.com.

REGISTER TO VOTE REMINDER

Remember the last date to register to vote in the General Election is Monday, **October 6, 2008**. You can register to vote at any Secretary of State office or go to the web site www.congress.org.

CME Continued

Audit Your Practice

October 23, 2008

Registration: 12:30p.m.; Program: 1-4p.m.
Somerset Inn, Troy

Advanced CPT Coding

October 23, 2008

Registration: 12:30p.m.; Program: 1-4p.m.
Somerset Inn, Troy

Symposium on Retirement Planning

October 23, 2008

Registration: 4:30p.m.;
Program: 5:00-9:00p.m.
Somerset Inn, Troy

Preparing for the OIG: Are You Compliant?

October 24, 2008

Registration: 9:30a.m.; Program: 10:00a.m.-
12:00p.m.
Somerset Inn, Troy

Fundamentals of Surgical Coding

October 24, 2008

Registration: 8:30a.m.; Program: 9:00a.m.-Noon
Somerset Inn, Troy

Medical Records and the Law

October 24, 2008

Registration: 12:30p.m.; Program: 1-4p.m.
Somerset Inn, Troy

Effectively Processing Workers' Compensation Claims

October 24, 2008

Registration: 12:30p.m.; Program: 1-4p.m.
Somerset Inn, Troy

Call MSMS Registrar for more information or to register for any of these seminars-517-336-5784 or www.msms.org/eo.

Check out OCMS' new updated Web Site at www.ocms-mi.org