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UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

Legislative Committee Meeting - Monday, February 5th

Human Trafficking CME program - Friday, February 16th

Delegation Committee Meeting - Wednesday, February 28th

Medical/Legal Committee Meeting - Thursday, March 1st

Board of Directors Meeting - Tuesday, March 13th

Practice Manager Meeting - Tuesday, April 17th

For a complete list of times and locations for OCMS meetings, [click here](#).

MEMBER NEWS: Lisa Speck, MD has moved offices.

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LEGISLATIVE

New Opioid Laws and their Impact

On December 27, 2017, the Lieutenant Governor signed into law several new requirements aimed at combating the opioid epidemic. [Click here](#) to view an objective analysis of the new laws, provided by the Michigan State Medical Society, that could have direct implications for physicians and medical practices.

COMMUNITY HEALTH

Alternative Health Resources for the Opioid Crisis

Oakland County Health Division Drug Abuse Partnership is developing a new map on Alternative Health Resources for fighting the opioid crisis. Community members, organizations, health professionals are requested to submit their alternative health resources (such as yoga, acupuncture, etc.) via an online form. Please [test the form by clicking here](#) or submit any feedback to munceyd@oakgov.com.

LEGAL

Recognition of Advanced Practice Registered Nurses by Michigan Statute

Public Act 499 of 2016, effective April 9, 2017, defines an “advanced practice registered nurse” (“APRN”) as a registered professional nurse who has been granted a specialty certification by the Michigan Board of Nursing in one of the following health professions specialty fields: nurse mid-wifery, nurse practitioner, or clinical nurse specialist. By this definition, nurse anesthetists do not qualify as APRNs. However, this does not alter the Board of Nursing’s specialty certification for nurse anesthetists. [Read more here.](#)

Check out our latest blog: [“CMS permits Texting of Patient Information via Secure/Encrypted Platforms”](#) contributed by Aaron J. Beresh, Esq., The Health Law Partners, P.C.

PRACTICE RESOURCES

Modern Bookkeeping: Accounts Payable for Private Practices

It’s 4:30 PM on Wednesday it’s time to spend your weekly 15 minutes on completing all the bookkeeping for the practice. The checks have already been signed and sent even though the signer is on a boat in the Atlantic. Invoices are entered into your system despite never opening the relevant envelopes. You are reviewing your cash forecast for the rest of the month. You’ve paid your vendors at the last possible second on purpose. Wait!!! [Does this accounts payable process sound too good to be true?](#)

FACEBOOK CONTEST
THERE’S A CHANCE TO WIN A \$50 GIFT CARD
EVERY WEEK IN FEBRUARY!

You must be an OCMS member to win (physicians, practice managers, and medical students are eligible)

- 1) LIKE** our Facebook page
- 2) COMMENT** on our pinned post - each week will have a new post and a new opportunity to win
- 3) TAG** another OCMS member in your comment to receive a bonus entry!

Winners will be announced at 2:00pm, every Thursday in February.

PRACTICE RESOURCES, CONT.

CMS Data Submission System for Clinicians in the Quality Payment Program is Now Available

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) launched a new data submission system for clinicians participating in the Quality Payment Program (QPP). Clinicians can now submit all of their 2017 Merit-based Incentive Payment System (MIPS) data through one platform on the qpp.cms.gov website. [Read more about the system here.](#)

2018 CPT Coding Changes with Betsy Nicoletti, MS, CPC

Learn what's new, what's changed and what's deleted with the 2018 CPT code set to avoid payment delays and denials. [Click here](#) to access this on demand webinar.

MSMS EVENTS

[Taking Control of MACRA, What You Need to Know in 2018](#) – Wednesday, February 21st
Join the MSMS Foundation for its one-day conferences on Taking Control of MACRA. Updated sessions will explore key changes in MACRA finalized by CMS for Performance Year 2018 and beyond. This conference will also provide current information on MIPS reporting and scoring, EHR requirements and raising the MIPS threshold. Important mainstays such as documentation and using qualified clinical data registry will also be on the agenda.

[Maternal Infant Health Statewide Conference](#) – Monday, March 5th

The primary goal of this conference is to create synergy and align priorities between public and private organizations as well as provide educational opportunities that will allow members to keep abreast of the latest developments in the field.

[LARA Made Simple: Latest requirements in less than a day](#) - Saturday, March 24th

This event is presented by the Oakland County Osteopathic Medical Association. This program will meet your LARA licensing requirements in one day.