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CHECK OUT OUR UPCOMING EVENTS!

[A Discussion on the MSMS Restructuring Process](#)
Presented by Julie Novak, MSMS Chief Executive Officer
Wednesday, September 13th

[An Afternoon of Physician Wellness](#)
Friday, September 29th

[Navigating Complexities: Maximize the Success of Your Practice](#)
Wednesday, October 4th

[OCMS Annual Meeting - Online Reviews Program](#)
Wednesday, October 4th

[Improving Efficiency in Your Healthcare Practice](#)
Practice Manager Conference
Tuesday, October 17th

2018 MACRA PROPOSED RULE

On Tuesday, CMS issued the proposed rule for the 2018 performance year of the Quality Payment Program (QPP) under the Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization (MACRA) Act.

For small practices, it should be seen as a major win, early observers of the rule say. CMS created flexibilities in the QPP that will allow practices with 1 to 15 physicians (its definition of small) to either skip participation altogether or have an easier time adhering to the guidelines.

[Here are the key things to know about the changes in the proposed rule for the 2018 performance period.](#)

MAPS UPDATE

Patient Protections Strengthened as State Fully Integrates MAPS into Health Systems

The State of Michigan is continuing to use all possible resources in its fight against the opioid epidemic by directly adding the Michigan Automated Prescription System into the electronic health records and pharmacy dispensation systems of hospitals, physician groups and pharmacies across the state.

Lt. Gov. Brian Calley was joined by leaders from Michigan's health community today at Henry Ford Health System in Detroit to announce that the state, thanks to efficiencies in the implementation of the new MAPS system and additional federal grants, will fund the MAPS full integration. [Read more here.](#)

PRACTICE FOR SALE

Physician owner selling well-established 24-year-old Pediatric Practice with Adult and Pediatric ADHD Clinic in Oakland County, Michigan. Physician is willing to stay few months to introduce the patients. The practice is situated in a Professional Medical Office Building attached to a suburban hospital with OB-GYN, Pediatric and Newborn services. Turnkey operation with eClinical Works EMR-implemented for the past five years. Ideal for a Family Practice or Pediatric Practice. Please call: 313.595.8304 or email: gavinimd@gmail.com

DOCTOR SHORTAGE

Addressing the doctor shortage: More than 1,500 medical residents complete training in Michigan.

The trick in a state with a doctor shortage? Keeping them here once their training is done.

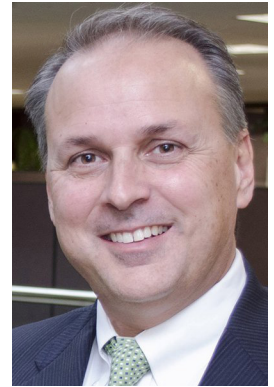
It's unknown how many of the residents will stay and practice in Michigan. No organization keeps track of that statewide. But Authority Health sees progress at keeping the physicians it trains in the state. [Read more here.](#)

MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

HealthPlus integration into Henry Ford's HAP a turnaround story

As its former CEO, Michael Genord, M.D., oversaw the effort to turn around the financial and operational health of Flint-based insurer HealthPlus of Michigan before the commercial and Medicare business was sold to Health Alliance Plan.

Now, as CEO of HAP Midwest Health Plan, Genord was a key player in completing the integration of HealthPlus into HAP after last year's acquisition, as HAP itself has posted improving finances. Dr. Genord is also an OCMS past president. [Click here to read more.](#)



PRACTICE RESOURCES

The job of a practice manager for a physician office these days is not easy. The requirements with Medicare reporting, the management of ICD-10 coding and billing, health insurance company issues, and not to mention how hard it is to find adequate staff. At the Oakland County and Michigan State Medical Societies, we are always looking for new ways to assist our practices so they may perform their jobs more efficiently and help their practices run smoother. [Here are some of the benefits we have added for our physician practices within the last year.](#)

CONTINUING EDUCATION

Medical Practice and the Law: Legal Agreements and Forms of Organization

[In this online course](#), physicians will gain a foundation in the key legal issues in medicine, including the legal entities available for establishing a medical practice, key laws and regulations that affect physicians, and other essential legal issues.