



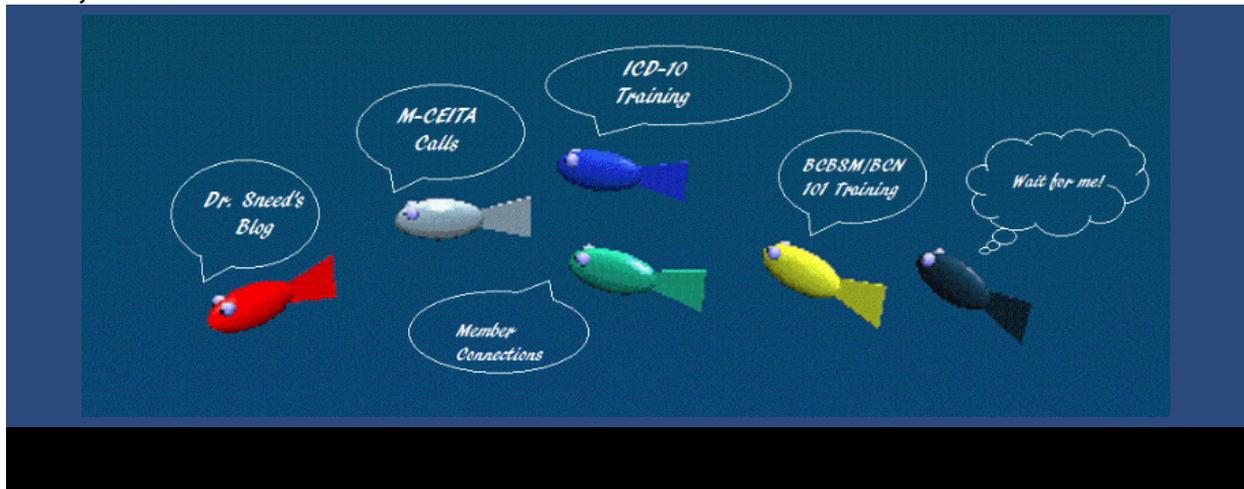
NEWS & NOTES FROM NPO



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DR. SNEED'S BLOG

SGR REPEAL

As you are all aware, President Obama signed into law, the bill repealing the SGR.



Much of organized medicine is applauding the repeal as well as defending the new payment system in its place. While there is a 0.5% rate hike each year through 2019, CMS Actuary Paul Spitalnic said on April 9 that these increases will not keep pace with the growth in practice expenses. The bill called the Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act (MACRA) has pay for performance programs that begin in 2019 allowing physicians to earn bonuses and lump sum payments for the healthcare of patients. This pay for performance money runs out after 2024 so there needs to be alternative payment models developed. MACRA appears to have combined three sometimes overlapping Medicare incentive programs. EHR meaningful use, quality reporting, and the value based payment modifier.

The new incentive program is entitled MIPS (Merit Based Incentive Payment System). We hear and read the word "value" and the question comes to mind as to what is value and who assigns this value. Certainly, patients will be an important part of the equation as they assess their health and determine what they can do to live longer, healthier, more fulfilled lives. This includes, but is not limited to, taking medicines as prescribed, following physician and caregiver orders for treatment, testing, or therapy, keeping followup appointments, getting regular preventative exams and tests, eating well, minimizing deleterious activities, and exercising regularly. It will take all stakeholders to be actively engaged as we effectively change healthcare.

Thanks for reading.



Peter Sneed MD
President Northern Michigan Health Network
NPO Board Member



DON'T FORGET!
Our next M-CEITA call is WEDNESDAY 6/3/15 at 12:00!

This is a one hour session, offering you the opportunity to ask M-CEITA whatever Meaningful Use questions you have. M-CEITA will answer the question, or research and follow-up as necessary. If you can't make the call, you can email your question to NPO in advance (bpataky@npoinc.org) and it will be included in the session. *These calls will be via Go To Meeting, as we have had requests for projections.

The schedule for our M-CEITA call series is as follows:

Wednesday 6/3/15 at 12:00 pm
Wednesday 7/1/15 at 12:00 pm
Wednesday 8/5/15 at 12:00 pm
Wednesday 9/2/15 at 12:00 pm
Wednesday 10/7/15 at 12:00 pm
Wednesday 11/4/15 at 12:00 pm
Wednesday 12/2/15 at 12:00 pm

* We will be scheduling a second call for October, November, and December.

Again, the next call is Wednesday June 3rd at noon -

Dial-in information is:

Please join my meeting from your computer, tablet, or smartphone.

<https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/490727629>

You can also dial in using your phone.
United States (Long distance): +1 (646) 749-3131

Access Code: 490-727-629

We look forward to your questions!



Don't be a fish out of water when it comes to ICD-10...

ICD-10 Coding: How Confident Are You?

June 4, 2015

9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

MSMS Headquarters - East Lansing

Do you think you can code ICD-10 but haven't had any formal training yet? This session is geared toward the experienced biller/coder that thinks they may have a handle on ICD-10 coding. The first half of this session will discuss the ICD-10 guidelines and where they may differ from ICD-9. The second half of this session will be hands-on coding exercises to get you comfortable with the ICD-10 codebook layout and the specificity of ICD-10 codes. We ask that each attendee bring 5 de-identified chart notes to use for the coding exercise. This will help identify any documentation gaps you may have in your office that may impact being able to code in ICD-10. Also, you will need to bring your ICD-10 book to use for the coding exercise. Come join us to confirm what you do know and learn what you don't know.

If a physician registers for this class, he/she may bring one office staff for free! Simply use the coupon code ICD10-Office-Staff-Free when the Office Staff purchases the course and checks out.

[Click here for details and registration](#)

ICD-10 Summit

June 11, 2015

9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Lansing Community College - West Campus - Lansing

If you are concerned about getting paid after the October 1, 2015 implementation of ICD-10, come hear what Michigan health plans have to say about their readiness, testing efforts and outcomes. The first half of the day will provide a basic overview of ICD-10 guidelines and how they may differ from ICD-9, resources available to you for implementing ICD-10 in your practice and educational resources for proper training.

The second half of the day will be presentations from Michigan health plans on their readiness for ICD-10, what their testing process is and what they have found with any testing that has already been done. The health plans will also provide additional resources available to you through the various health plans.

[Click here for details and registration](#)

BCBSM/BCN 101 training classes are available for new professional office staff and those looking for a refresher - July 15th

We heard you loud and clear! Based on your demand, BCBSM's new professional office class is coming to Ludington on July 15th. Are you new to professional office billing within the last two years? Do you need a refresher course on BCBSM policies and procedures? Any topics you would like to learn about? Then we want to see you!

This training opportunity will take place at West Shore Community College: 3000 N. Stiles Road, Scottville, MI 49454.

To accommodate the expected demand, we are holding two half-day sessions (covering the same material at each). The classes will provide information on the basics of working with BCBSM/BCN, self-help tools such as web-DENIS, PARS and Benefit Explainer, Medicare Advantage, BlueCard® and other important aspects of working with Blue Cross/BCN.

Here is an overview of the format:

- Half-day a.m. class starts at 9 a.m. and ends at 12 noon, with registration at 8:30 a.m.
- Half-day p.m. class starts at 1 p.m. and ends at 4 p.m., with registration at 12:30 p.m.
- Classes might extend later or end earlier depending on the number of participant questions.

To register, send an email to Jennifer Gallandt: jgallandt@bcbsm.com

In the subject line, write "BCBSM 101" and the session you wish to attend the class (AM or PM).

Please include the number and names of attendees expected from your office, email address, phone number, and any specific topics you would like to learn. You will receive a confirmation via email. It is important that you register so we can have an accurate headcount. We are looking forward to seeing you!



MEMBER CONNECTIONS

Medical Assistant, preferably experienced and with eCW knowledge for Internal Medicine/Pediatrics. With the knowledge of MCIR and pediatric immunizations. Please call Theresa at 231-935-0826 or email at Theresa@nmimed.com

Medical Assistant wanted for solo internal medicine practice.

Part-time on Wednesday and Friday at 8-10 hrs each day.

Skills preferred for front deskwork and back office work as well.

Send Resume to: Russell VanHouzen MD,10161 E Pickwick Ct, Suite E, Traverse City, Mi 49684

Full time RN for a busy TC surgery practice. Experienced, caring, energetic, trustworthy, dependable, pleasant and willing to learn. Requires some hands-on care of patients with wounds as well as surgery scheduling and associated administrative duties. Great benefit package. No nights or weekends. Please send resume and cover letter to nurseandpatientcoordinator@yahoo.com

Northern Vision Eye Care is seeking a full time front desk receptionist/scheduler for our expanding practice. Prior medical office experience preferred, excellent computers skills a must. Interested candidate may email resume to kerri@nvec.biz, or fax to 231-932-9156.

Seeking Full-Time Certified Medical Assistant for busy Otolaryngology and Allergy office. 1-2 years' experience in a medical office required, proficiency in Electronic Medical Records preferred. Responsibilities include but are not limited to:

Rooming patients, obtaining and recording vitals, reviewing, asking and documenting past and current medical history, reviewing preoperative paperwork with patients, preparing instruments and assisting with procedures, obtaining prior authorizations for testing and scheduling medical testing for patients, performing injections, reading allergy injections, responding to nurse/MA triage calls and medication refills.

Expectations:

- Ensures customer satisfaction,
- Excels at multi-tasking
- Determines priority and distinguishes between critical and non-critical information for problem resolution
- Maintains accountability
- Reprioritizes quickly to accommodate unexpected demands

Christina Melville
Administrative Assistant
Cass Street Ear, Nose & Throat P.C.
1104 Cass Street
Traverse City, MI 49684
Phone (231) 941-1155
Fax (231) 941-1347

Leelanau Urgent Care & Internal Medicine
PT Front Desk/Receptionist needed.
EMR and medical office experience preferred.

Submit resume and cover letter to:

Janice Lemak, RN
Practice Administrator
650 S West Bay Shore Dr
Suttons Bay, MI 49682
Tel: 231-271-6511
Fax: 231-271-6519
Email: jlemak@leurgcare.com

Full time Medical Assistant needed at Munson Family Practice. Position is for check-in and out. Please apply online at munsonhealthcare.org

The Walk-In Clinic/Partners in Health is currently seeking an energetic and enthusiastic full-time PA or NP. Must have exceptional bedside manner and clinical skills. Qualified candidates will have 1-3 years experience as a PA/NP with demonstration of quality care in an urgent care and/or family practice. Experience using an EHR (eClinicalworks preferred) and MS office expected. Formal Physician Assistant training or Nurse Practitioner training from an accredited program with NCCPA or CNP certification. Please send letter of interest and CV to resumesfortwicorpih@gmail.com.

Mid-level provider (PA or NP) wanted for small Family Practice office. Part-time, 24 hours/week. 2 days/week of patient care including acute visits and Medicare Annual Wellness visits plus 1 day/week Pay for Performance Program and Patient Centered Medical Home Initiatives. eClinical Works EMR experience preferred but will train the right person. Our patients appreciate quality care provided in a small office. Benefits include paid vacation, holidays and CME allowance as well as 401K IRA. Please see our website for practice information cherrybendfamilycare.com. Email letter of interest and resume to madiganl@msu.edu or fax to 231.929.7934.

Medical Assistant Back with some Front Office Duties as well.

Northshore Rehab PLLC

PART TIME (2-4 days per week) medical office position available for an individual who is able to multi-task between the front office clerical duties as well as back office clinical duties. Responsibilities to include the following: rooming patients, taking vitals, entering pertinent patient medical history/medications into the EMR. Check patients in/out, scanning documents into the EMR, answering the phones, making appointments. This position requires knowledge of the medical office and medical terminology. Previous medical office experience a plus. Please send resume to jobapplicant901@gmail.com or fax to 231-947-5094

Bay View Obstetrics & Gynecology -

Position available for a Medical Assistant:

Medical Assistant/Nurse

30-40 hours per week, full time benefits, working with a physician in 5 physician OB/GYN practice.

Please submit resume' and cover letter to:

Julie Hopkins, Practice Manager

Bay View Obstetrics & Gynecology, P.C.

560 West Mitchell St., Suite 210

Petoskey, MI. 49770

Office Phone: 231-487-2340

Fax: 231-487-2115

Email: jhopkins@bayviewob.com

MEDICAL ASSISTANT OPPORTUNITY - Family Physician Office expanding medical team. [Click here for info.](#)

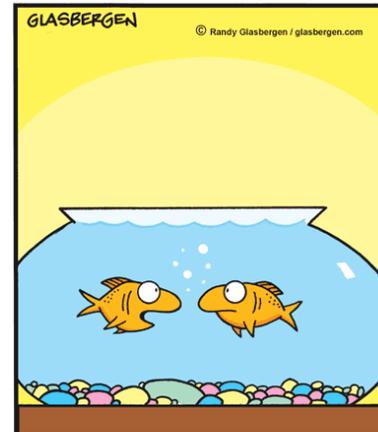
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*We are very happy to include postings in our news blasts - for career opportunities, office space, equipment for sale, etc. Please email [lsalvatore@npoinc.org](mailto:lsalvatore@npoinc.org) with your ad. We also ask that you inform us as soon as it is no longer current. Thanks!*

## Quick Links...

[NPO Website](#)  
[NMHN Website](#)

[NPO CALENDAR](#)



"If swimming is good for developing shoulders, arms and legs, why haven't we developed any shoulders, arms and legs?"

## We welcome our newest staff member, Dr. Moe Betta Data, Ph.ish

He is proving to be a real fighter for our mission and vision, always willing to help if one is floundering, never carps on us, and is fitting in swimmingly.

Next time you visit the NPO office, dolphinately say hello!

***"No good fish goes anywhere without a porpoise."***

Lewis Carroll

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