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CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE UPDATES:

LARA/ MDHHS - Opioid Laws FAQ document updated:

LARA/ MDHHS updated their FAQ document for the Opioid Laws (7/3/2018) based on questions received across the state.

To view the highlights and changes [CLICK HERE](#)

To view the full FAQ document [CLICK HERE](#)

MSMS releases a Prescribing Checklist:

MSMS has released a prescribing checklist that may be beneficial to ensure compliance to the new laws before, during and after the prescription of a controlled substance.

To view the document [CLICK HERE](#)

State opioid commission releases prescribing guidelines

The Michigan Prescription Drug and Opioid Abuse Commission recently released their prescribing recommendations. They can be viewed by clicking on the links below. The recommendations are for dental, emergency departments and surgical departments. These guidelines are a summary of best practices and do not replace individual clinical judgement. The recommendations were developed by the Commission in partnership with the Opioid Prescribing Engagement Network, known as M-OPEN, and the University of Michigan Injury Prevention Center.

Dental: [CLICK HERE](#)

Emergency Department: [CLICK HERE](#)

Surgery: [CLICK HERE](#)

An NPO Practice asked for assistance in clarifying the following and MSMS legal counsel provided a response:

Q: I just wanted to touch base to see if either of you knew of any restrictions for mailing scripts for controlled substances?

On occasion, we have patients that live out of town. We would still of course have them sign a controlled substance agreement prior to giving them a script and we would require a patient to come to the office for any refills, but do you know if there are restrictions for mailing the initial script to the patient?

A: We are not aware of any state or federal law or rule which prohibits the mailing of an initial prescription directly to a patient. However, this form of transmitting a controlled substance prescription may expose the practice to potential risks which the practice may not wish (or need) to undertake. To the extent the patient is unable to otherwise visit the practice's office to obtain the prescription or the practice is otherwise unable to issue the prescription directly to the patient, the practice should first consider its available options for transmitting the prescription directly to the patient's choice of pharmacy.

Dr. Sneed does TED Talk in Traverse City

Dr. Peter Sneed, former Chairman for NPO and current Board President for Northern Michigan Health Network (NMHN) did a TED talk on May, 2018 titled "Chasing Health with a new Vital Sign in a Healthy City". Dr. Sneed spoke about his commitment to inspire both providers and patients to chase health, by working towards prevention as opposed to intervention as a way to improve health care. In this talk the New Vital Sign - 150 minutes of activity weekly was introduced. Watch the talk:



NMHN recently released a promotional poster to advertise "The New Vital Sign". If your practice would like some, please contact Bryanna Pataky at bpataky@npoinc.org.

NPO BLOG

NPO has a new format for its blog! This week, Bob Farrell, Site Administrator for the Grand Traverse Ophthalmology Clinic Petoskey, has contributed the following post about the Primary Care Physician and Specialist relationship.

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SAVE THE DATE

Delivering Accountable Care - Physicians Partnering meeting August 14, 2018 from 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm.

Metro Health/Michigan Medicine Grand Rapids Stroke Program will present "Stroke Diagnosis and State of The Art Management".

To RSVP for this meeting please [CLICK HERE](#).

**We will be sending an invitation with agenda to physicians closer to the date.*

SAVE THE DATE

NPO brought Judge Jodi Debbrecht Switalski to an Accountable Care-Physicians Partnering Meeting this past May and the response was incredibly positive. NPO is bringing her back for some follow up sessions in September where she will present "Litigation Trends When Prescribing Controlled Substances and Tools to Protect Yourself, Your Practice and Your Community". There will be 3 programs offered in the area:

- Wednesday September 26th from 5:30 - 8:30 pm
 - for Physicians and Advanced Practice Professionals
 - To RSVP for this session [CLICK HERE](#)
- Thursday September 27th from 8:00 - 10:00 am
 - for Practice Managers and Practice Staff
 - To RSVP for this session [CLICK HERE](#)
- Thursday September 27th from 5:30 - 8:30 pm
 - for Petoskey Area Physicians, Practice Managers and Practice Staff
 - To RSVP for this session [CLICK HERE](#)

**Information regarding the session locations will be posted prior to the dates.*

WEB BASED COMPLIANCE SOFTWARE AVAILABLE AT DISCOUNTED PRICE TO NPO MEMBERS



Adoption of an effective compliance program is a CMS requirement for practices. NPO's Private Practice Physicians looking for a solution to meet compliance regulations have access to **1st Healthcare Compliance** at a discounted price. With an annual fee of \$75 per practice employee, this web based program features easy set-up and use.

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- training & education
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- enforcing disciplinary standards

NPO invites your practice to experience the peace of mind that comes with having a dedicated compliance structure in place.

Please contact Bryanna at bpataky@npoinc.org or 231.421.8505 if your practice would like to register for this service!

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