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NEWS and NOTES from NPO

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CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE UPDATES

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".

From Dr. Peter Sneed:

"This is a talk I saw about 4 months ago and at the end of the talk I said to myself and others who attended (not many); This is something that every person in our country between ages 10-100 should experience. It's more than just how to prescribe or not prescribe opioids. It can be applied to any addiction, what to look for, how to recognize and what to do. At the end of the talk, I realized this could be one of my kids, family members or any member of our staff or their families. If only one life is saved as a result of this talk, it will be worthwhile."

There will be 3 presentations offered in the area:

- Wednesday September 26th from 5:30 - 8:30 pm
 - For Physicians, Advanced Practice Professionals and Practice Staff
 - Will be held at the Traverse City Golf and Country Club
 - To RSVP for this sessions [CLICK HERE](#)
- Thursday September 27th from 8:00 - 10:00 am
 - For Practice Managers, Practice Staff and Physicians/APPs
 - Will be held at the Traverse City Golf and Country Club
 - 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
 - Will be held at the McLaren Foundation Building classrooms
 - To RSVP for this session [CLICK HERE](#)

Statement of Accreditation:

This activity has been planned and implemented in accordance with the accreditation requirements and policies of the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) through the joint providership of The

Michigan State Medical Society and Northern Physicians Organization. The Michigan State Medical Society is accredited by the ACCME to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

AMA Credit Designation Statement:

The Michigan State Medical Society designates this live activity for a maximum of **3.0 AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s)™**. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

THINGS TO KNOW

CMS PROPOSED RULE - E&M CODES CHANGES

Some of you have asked what this proposed rule regarding changes to E&M documentation and reimbursement means to your practice. First, please note that the rule is proposed and there has been a very vocal comment period with many negative comments. We won't know the outcome until maybe mid-November with the rule proposed to take effect January 1, 2019.

To help explain the proposed rule,

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offered the video at <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/recording/5978278209340235266> to NPO members. The video walks through the proposed changes and potential impacts upon your practice. In the video, Shannon does encourage you to make a public comment, but unfortunately the public comment period has closed.

Please view the video for a better understanding of the proposed changes.

MSMS UPDATES

MSMS House of Delegates reinforces policy recognizing Marijuana as a public health problem and calls on MSMS to oppose legalization initiative in November. [READ MORE](#)

MSMS Committee on Health Care Quality , Efficiency and Economics weighs in on the following timely topics:

- Physician satisfaction with EMR's [CLICK HERE](#)
- Behavioral Health Integration Initiative [CLICK HERE](#)
- Proposed Medicare Physician Fee Schedule [CLICK HERE](#)

For the full article [READ HERE](#)

MSMS has launched a new digital Health Law Library to assist physicians in understanding statutes and regulations affecting medical practice in the state. This resource is available 24/7 and covers 23 broad topics. [READ MORE](#)

PLEASE PAY ATTENTION TO FAXES FOR PRESCRIPTION REFILLS

An NPO provider reports that their practice is receiving some faxed requests from non-local pharmacies for medication refills that the patient may not have realized they requested (filled out a questionnaire or responded to a survey, as examples) or may not have requested.

NPO-CIN BLOG

Don't forget to check out the NPO Blog on the NPO-CIN Website. These short pieces keep practices and providers aware of the most relevant subjects for our region and nationally.

NPO BLOG

Helpful Resources & Upcoming Events

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