



## NEWS and NOTES from NPO

JULY 12, 2019

### CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE UPDATES

#### **TAKE ACTION: Senate Committee Passes Required ePrescribing Bill**

MSMS has summarized a new [Required ePrescribing Bill](#) that was passed on June 12th, 2019. While MSMS recognized that some of the changes improve upon prior bills, significant barriers for providers remain unaddressed. MSMS is asking that providers be aware of these changes and take action.

### THINGS TO KNOW & TO DO

#### **NEW ON THE NPO WEB SITE - MACRA-MIPS CORNER**

NPO has aggregated all of the MACRA-MIPS information into a single location to make this complex work a little easier to navigate. Visit the [MACRA-MIPS Corner](#) on NPO's web page. If you do not have a login or need your login information, please contact [Bryanna](#). You will also find the link in the Helpful Resources and Upcoming Events link at the bottom of every NPO Newsletter.

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#### **SAVE THE DATE: Delivering Accountable Care Physicians Partnering**

**"What Have We Learned? - Pilot Project to Support Persons with Dementia and Caregivers"  
A Panel Discussion**

AUGUST 13, 2019, 5:30pm to 7:30pm  
Traverse City Golf & Country Club  
1725 Union Street  
Traverse City, MI 49684

**Invitation with agenda to follow**

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#### **COMMUNICABLE DISEASES INFORMATION AND RESOURCES**

The Grand Traverse County Health Department is reminding practices that there are a wide range of resources available on the MDHHS Website including:

## [Free Communicable Disease educational material for your practice](#)

## [Communicable Disease reporting rules and regulations summary](#)

If you are interested in an individualized presentation at your practice, a discussion can be tailored to topics pertinent to your staff and setting. Please feel free to contact:

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## **ASK AN NPO PHARMACIST**

Would you like to talk to a pharmacist about a medication question? Want to know the latest on a drug or have an interaction question? Something else? Well, answers are just an email away. The NPO Pharmacists can be reached at [Rx@npoinc.org](mailto:Rx@npoinc.org). Email your question and contact information and they will get back to you with answers.

PLEASE do NOT send confidential patient information in the email; if necessary, a pharmacist will contact you for that information. We look forward to hearing from you!

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## **SAVE THE DATE : PAHCOM - TRAVERSE CITY SEMINAR & VENDOR FAIR**

**SAVE THE DATE!**  
**PAHCOM - Traverse City Seminar & Vendor Fair**  
**Date: Friday, October 4, 2019 | Time: 8am-4pm**  
Hagerty Center - Traverse City, MI  
On the shores of beautiful West Grand Traverse Bay

**Keynote Speaker - Sarah Fontenot**  
Where are We Going? The Future of American Health Care  
The world of health care is continually changing. Practice managers are concerned about what the next directive from the government will be and how the constant evolution of the health care delivery system will affect their providers, their patients, and their practice. But what if the future were more predictable, if not in detail, at least in direction? Sarah will make projections for the future based on the trajectory of the past and demystify the subject of healthcare reform in America. Leave this session with confidence and clarity on the measures you can take today to prepare for the not-so-uncertain challenges of tomorrow.

**FULL SEMINAR AGENDA TO FOLLOW**  
More great speakers! More great topics!  
Registration and additional information will be available after May 15th at:  
[www.TraverseCityMI.PAHCOM.com](http://www.TraverseCityMI.PAHCOM.com)  
Credits pending thru AAMA & PAHCOM

[Print brochure](#)

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## **SOFTWARE TO SIMPLIFY COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS**

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 **1<sup>st</sup> Healthcare Compliance** at a **discounted price**. With an annual fee of \$75 per practice per employee, this web based program features easy set-up and use.

### **1st Healthcare Compliance Features:**

- Compliance & practice standards

- Internal monitoring & auditing
- Designation of a compliance officer
- Training & education
- Rapid & effective response to detected offenses
- Open lines of communication with government agencies
- 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](#) , or 231.421.8505 if your practice would like to register for this service.



Web Based Compliance Software available at discounted price to NPO Members

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### Helpful Resources & Upcoming Events

[2019 NPO Calendar](#)  
[NPO Home](#)  
[NMHN Home](#)  
[Trillium Home Health](#)  
[MACRA-MIPS Corner](#)  
[Member Connections](#)

*NPO is committed to providing great resources to our members!  
We welcome your feedback and comments.*

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