



IAFP e-News for December 9, 2011

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Academy News

We want your photos for the cover of the 2011 Annual Report to the Membership. Email your great family medicine photos to Editor Ginnie Flynn at gflynn@iafp.com by January 12, 2012.

The guidelines:

- Members may submit up to three photos for consideration. Residents and students are welcome to participate!
- The photographer's consent must be included. If you are sending a professional photo from the marketing department of your institution, their written consent, along with the name of the photographer, must be included with your entry.
- Photos should show some form of patient care, teaching, leadership or other activity essential to family medicine. *Headshot photos will not be accepted.*
- Please include the name(s) of the member(s) in the photo. No other people in the photo need to be identified. Please do not include patient names and assure patients their names will not be used.

2012 Committee Chairs – Join them in making our Academy great!

[Learn more](#) about each committee/task force/interest group and sign up for the one(s) that fuel your family medicine fire! Return your form by January 4, 2012.

<u>Committee/Task Force</u>	<u>Chair</u>
AAFP Resolutions	Margaret Kirkegaard, MD
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From AAFP:

Family physicians in five states now have a new vaccine supplier option available for the 2011-12 flu season. The AAFP is working with Walgreens to make influenza vaccine available from the company's pharmacies at minimal risk to Academy members who have exhausted their supply. The physician distribution influenza vaccine purchase pilot program, which will roll out in California, Illinois, Indiana, Missouri and Texas, provides AAFP members with another vaccine

distribution channel, while, at the same time, ensuring immunizations are given in physicians' offices instead of at local retail clinics. Learn more in [AAFP News Now](#)



The Practice Improvement Network Update

Check out the [PIN section](#) of the IAFP web site which has resources for all family physicians
<http://www.iafp.com/PCMH>



www.twitter.com/IAFP_PIN



ARE YOU READY for any PCMH Transformation?

Link to this [AAFP Power Point](#) to help you decide - and then link directly to resources to help you!

PIN CME is underway!

Save the Date for the next "Lunch and Learn" Webinar

January 26, 2012 at noon:

Office Redesign to Optimize Planned Patient Care

Supported by Abbott Labs & Pfizer, Inc.

View all upcoming [PIN webinars here](#)

Small Practice Pilot Update

Link to the first all-member communication – the [PIN Points newsletter](#)

We still have room for more practices. If you'd like to join the pilot project, download the short and simple [pilot application](#). To enroll in the PIN, or for more information or email the PIN project manager, Helen Kate Liebelt, at hkliebelt@iafp.com or call 224-688-0430.

Government Relations - State

The House is scheduled to return on Monday Dec. 12 for a special session. The Senate will return on Tuesday, Dec. 13 at noon to act on any measures passed by the House.

The legislature voted to extend the **Medical Practice Act** for one more year, until Dec. 31, 2012. You can view the entire Government Relations [End of the Year Report](#) on our web site.

New Illinois Law clears way for Epi-Pens at schools

According to a recent study in the journal *Pediatrics*, one in 13 children suffers from some type of food allergy, and the number is on the rise. What's more, 25 percent of first reactions among children allergic to peanuts or tree nuts occurred while they were in a school setting.

Previously, schools have not been authorized to keep a backup supply of epinephrine on hand for situations in which students forgot their own auto-injectors or had their first reaction to an undiagnosed allergy. Nor have school healthcare officials been permitted to administer the lifesaving drug in any of these emergency situations without the fear of liability. The only option school personnel have had was to dial 911, causing a delay in treatment.

Illinois has a brand new law on the books, Public Act 97-0361, designed to help save the lives of children who have severe allergic reactions while at school. As a result of legislation initiated by Attorney General Lisa Madigan and supported by IAFP, public and schools now may voluntarily keep a supply of epinephrine auto-injectors on hand and school nurses are permitted to

administer an injection to a student believed to be having an anaphylactic reaction, regardless of whether they have a medical plan on file indicating an allergy diagnosis, without fear of liability except for willful and wanton misconduct. Also under the new law, licensed physicians that issue a standing protocol or prescribe a supply of emergency epinephrine auto-injectors to a school will not be held liable for any injury incurred as a result of the administration of epinephrine, except in cases of willful and wanton misconduct.

PLEASE NOTE: The supply of emergency epinephrine allowed under this Act is not intended to replace epinephrine prescribed to students with known allergies. Physicians should still prescribe epinephrine as appropriate and encourage parents whose children are suffering from a severe allergy to put in place an Emergency Action Plan, an Individual Health Care Plan, or a Section 504 Plan with their child's school.

Link to fact sheets on the IAFP web site

[Fact sheet for physicians](#)

[Fact sheet for parents](#)

[Fact sheet for schools](#)

Federal Issues

REMINDER from Nov. 23 e-news

On November 15, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services announced new payment demonstration projects aimed to reduce improper payments beginning on January 1, 2012. Two of these projects are aimed at Illinois.

Recovery Audit Prepayment Review: Allows Medicare Recovery Auditors (RACs) to conduct prepayment reviews on certain types of claims that historically result in high rates of improper payments. These reviews will focus on seven states with high populations of fraud- and error-prone providers (FL, CA, MI, TX, NY, LA, IL) Learn more on the [CMS web site](#)

Medicare's prepayment review and prior authorization demonstration project for power mobility devices The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is conducting a three year demonstration to help ensure that Medicare only pays for Power Mobility Devices (PMD) that are medically necessary under existing coverage guidelines, thus limiting fraud, waste and abuse.

The demonstration will be conducted in seven States with high rates of Medicare fraud: CA, TX, FL, MI, IL, NC and NY. These States account for 43 percent of the \$606 million total Medicare PMD expenditures in 2010.

The prior authorization demonstration does not create new documentation requirements for providers and suppliers – it simply requires them to provide the information earlier in the claims process. [Learn more on the CMS web site](#)

Have you contributed to the PAC? Our goal is to have 10 percent of IAFP's 2,500 active members as FamMedPAC contributors and we are currently around two percent. [Go online and make your contribution now](#) at www.aafp.org and click on the FamMedPAC logo.

CME

Need to catch up on some CME this Holiday season? Head to www.iafp.com/education for self-study CME and fill up with new knowledge to kick off 2012 in your practice.

News You Can Use

CMS Electronic Health Records Incentive Programs: Registration & Attestation Process Webinar

Sponsored by Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services Chicago Regional Office and the Illinois Department of Healthcare & Family Services

Tuesday, December 13, 2011 from 12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. CST

<https://webinar.cms.hhs.gov/ilehrattestation/>

Call-in #: 877-267-1577 Pin: 2955

Please dial-in 10 minutes before the call. Limited lines are available.

Repeat Items

Share your perspectives on natural environment in Early Intervention

The Illinois Chapter, American Academy of Pediatrics is hosting three regional open forums for pediatricians, family physicians, other health care providers, early intervention service providers, therapists, community service representatives, families, policy makers, and influential leaders to explore the meaning and impact of natural environment as it is currently interpreted in the Illinois Early Intervention program. This is an opportunity to share your perspective on how natural environment affects service providers, families and children, and others, and share your ideas for how to support and strengthen stakeholder experiences with the Illinois Early Intervention program.

Register online today for the **December 13 [Rockford Open Forum](#)**, the **December 14 [Springfield Open Forum](#)**, or the **December 15 [Fairview Heights Open Forum](#)** (East St. Louis area). For more information, visit the registration page of your preferred Open Forum date and location, or contact Sandra Fraction at sfraction@illinoisAAP.com.

IAFP supports Fuel Up to Play 60

Fuel Up to Play 60 responds to real-world needs in today's schools with wellness tools that complement - not compete with - the academics-focused environment. The program's design allows youth and schools to determine which tools and resources best help meet each school's wellness goals. Illinois Family Physicians are proud to partner with a school based program to keep kids moving while teaching and emphasizing healthy habits. Help kick-start the effort in your community's schools! [Learn more about the program here](#). Ask if your neighborhood school or your children's school is signed up and ask how you can help!

Medicaid Meaningful Use Registration is now open

Illinois has opened registration for Medicaid Meaningful Use of Electronic Health Records Provider Incentive Payments. Read the [Provider Notice](#) from the Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services. [Link to the Illinois EHR information page](#)
Providers will be able to attest beginning in November, with the first payments expected to be made to successful providers in Feb. 2012. Register via the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services at <https://ehrincentives.cms.gov/hitech/login.action>

Looking for resources to help with your Medicare Meaningful Use Attestation process?

The Chicago Health Information Technology Regional Extension Center (CHITREC) has a new [attestation guide](#) that can help!

FREE Assistance with Medicare PQRS

The Medicare Quality Improvement Organization (QIO) Program is the largest federal program dedicated to improving health quality at the community level. IFMC-IL is a federally funded, non-

profit organization and the Illinois Medicare QIO, contracted with CMS to assist Illinois physicians and other eligible professionals, at no cost, to report PQRS using their electronic health record systems. For more information, [click here](#).

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Members in the News

If you have a news item to share, send it to Ginnie Flynn at gflynn@iafp.com.

Stewart Segal, MD of Lake Zurich authored a blog post in Livewellthy.org about the computerized electronic health record taking much of the art out of practicing medicine.

IAFP Family Medicine Teacher of the Year (Part-time faculty) **Gregory K. Milani, MD** of Rush-Copley Family Medicine Residency program was noted in the Dec. 2 *Aurora Beacon-News* for the award.

Trina Scott, MD of Bloomington is launching a new clinic on Bloomington's west side that will combine primary care medicine with spiritual health. The partnership with several protestant churches will open in February and was featured in the Dec. 6 *Bloomington Pantagraph*.

CLASSIFIED ADS

VISITING CLINICAL PHYSICIAN Mile Square Health Center, one of the nation's oldest community health centers with university affiliation at UIC, is seeking family medicine and pediatric physicians.

Responsibilities include providing direct patient care, precepting residents and students in an ambulatory practice, and research. Inpatient service and providing obstetrical care are preferred. Evenings and Saturdays on rotation are required.

Qualifications: completion of an ACGME accredited family medicine or pediatric residency with a doctor of Medicine (MD) or Doctor of Osteopathy (DO) degree. Applicants must have an active unrestricted medical license and be eligible for hospital credentialing. Providers bilingual in Spanish and English are encouraged to apply. Board certification in a specialty area or must be completed within two years of employment required.

For full consideration, please submit your CV and three references to:

Ms. Tammi Washington

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Business Management and/or Health Care Administration or Public Health, and 3 years' experience in outpatient care, including management experience in an academic environment OR Bachelor's degree and a total of 6 years management level experience (supervisory and financial) in healthcare. Bilingual English/Spanish preferred.

Responsibilities include direct patient care at least 40% of the time, program and staff development, facility and fiscal management and community involvement. The University of Illinois Hospital and Health Sciences System offers competitive salaries and excellent benefits.

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