



e-News for July 28, 2009

IAFP News

IAFP ALL MEMBER SURVEY

Every two years the IAFP seeks your feedback on your family medicine world, what we do and what we should do! Please complete the easy online survey. Your responses provide the data that IAFP leaders and staff need to represent you in all aspects of our mission.

Please click here http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=6wbXCB2oc9g9iecNtY75yQ_3d_3d to complete the survey, which should take 7-10 minutes of your time.

Your participation is appreciated!

IAFP sends condolences to the family of Dr. Tiller

A letter has been sent to Mrs. Jean Tiller and her family from IAFP expressing condolences to them on the death of her husband and that IAFP was shocked and saddened by the murder of a fellow family physician. IAFP will submit a resolution to the AAFP Congress of Delegates in October 2009, asking AAFP to make a public statement on the murder of Dr. George Tiller.

Save the date – IAFP Annual Meeting

The IAFP Annual Meeting returns to Northern Illinois for 2009
Friday-Saturday December 4-5, 2009
Oak Brook Marriott Hotel
Details and online registration to follow soon!

Highlights include

- *AAFP Live!* CME program on Friday morning
- Eight (8) hours of IAFP top-notch CME over two days
- All-Member Assembly and election of a new board of directors
- Awards banquet to honor FP of the Year and Family Medicine Teachers of the Year
- Wine Tasting Foundation Fundraiser
- The IAFP Board of Directors will meet Sunday, December 6

Call for Nominations – IAFP Board of Directors

The Illinois Academy of Family Physicians seeks members interested in serving on its board of directors. The IAFP leadership development task force, chaired by Ellen Brull, MD of Glenview, will review all nominations and develop a slate of candidates.

Nominations are due by **Friday, September 11** for the 2009-10 board of directors for the following positions:

- President-elect (3-year commitment)
- First vice president (1-year term)
- Second vice president (1-year term)
- Board members (3 positions) for the class of 2012
- New physician board member (2-year term) who has been in practice less than seven years,

- AAFP delegate (2-year term) and
- AAFP alternate delegate (2-year term)

Only active members of the IAFP/AAFP in good standing may run for a board position. Please send your nomination and CV to Vince Keenan by e-mail vkeenana@iafp.com. Questions about board positions may also be directed to Vince.

State Government Relations

Budget Passed, Now What?

The Illinois General Assembly passed a temporary “stable” budget on July 15. The \$26 billion dollar budget relies heavily on additional borrowing and still will only cover approximately 86% of last year’s funding levels. This will require the Governor to make an additional \$1 billion in cuts and possibly result in lay-offs and furloughs of state employees. Also, a provision of the bill requires lawmakers to take 12 furlough days.

Senate Republican Leader Radogno called it the “least of all evils.” According to Senate President John Cullerton, it is based on \$6.7 billion worth of borrowing -- \$3.5 billion by issuing bonds to make the state’s pension payments and \$3.2 billion by letting state bills pile up unpaid.

The Governor has the ultimate authority as far as spending money goes. In the text of the bills, it states: that funds will be released “after the purpose and the amount of such expenditure has been approved in writing by the Governor.” The Governor and lawmakers acknowledge that even with the passage of this budget, **the state is still around \$5 billion in the red**. At best this is a stop-gap measure to keep basic state operations functioning and bide time to explore additional tax revenue sources.

Both chambers have adjourned to the call of either the Speaker or the President. They also issued a veto session calendar for 2009.

The dates are:

October 5 – House & Senate perfunctory veto session

October 14, 15, 16 – 1st week

October 28, 29, 30 – 2nd week

Federal Government Relations

IAFP Deploys Health Reform Op-Ed Statewide

As the federal health care reform issue heats up on Capitol Hill, IAFP President Javette C. Orgain, MD sent an editorial with family medicine’s message urging reform that boosts primary care payment and the workforce, along with the medical home system, and access to care.

The editorial closes with these comments: *“Congress must act now! Any legislation passed this year will still take years to truly make an impact. Programs will be developed; patients will start to enroll into coverage plans; medical homes will be designed and implemented. But it will be at least five to seven years before today’s medical students are practicing physicians. We need reform now so that today’s students will choose to be primary care physicians tomorrow.*

It’s time to solve the health care crisis. This is not a political game. Lives have been lost. We must build a uniquely American solution that controls skyrocketing preventable health care costs and gives our patients peace of mind with a primary care physician as a partner in their health care.”

You can read the entire editorial on our web site at: <http://www.iafp.com/pr/Op-Ed.pdf>

AAFP Update on Health Care Reform “progress” in Congress (Excerpted from AAFP Government Affairs Weekly Report, July 24)

Health care reform stalled last week despite the efforts of all key players in Congress and the Administration. After members of the Ways and Means and Education and Labor Committees took only a day to pass their versions of the *America’s Affordable Health Choices Act* (HR 3200), Energy and Commerce Committee Chairman Rep. Henry Waxman (D-CA) was forced to postpone his committee’s markup in an effort to appease the fiscally conservative Blue Dog Democrats on his panel. House leaders were indicating that no broad agreement had been reached, except around the notion of a federal board that would make coverage and payment decisions for Medicare and Medicaid.

The Democratic leaders in the House have two options: They could bypass the Energy and Commerce Committee altogether and take the bill as amended by the other two committees and present it on the floor of the House for debate and approval. Or the leaders could simply allow the committee to continue working to produce a bill for the House when it returns in September.

Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid (D-NV) already has said the Senate will not meet its self-imposed deadline to pass legislation before the Senate recesses on August 7.

In his prime time news conference on July 22, the President turned his focus toward the American public in effort to encourage support for reform. In a subtle shift, he directed more comments toward the insurance industry, while praising primary care doctors and the medical team. Obama also softened his comments about the August deadline for both chambers and began pressing legislators to pass a “health insurance reform” bill by year’s end.

AAFP testifies on Health Information Technology

Sterling Ransone, Jr, MD, a member of AAFP’s Commission on Governmental Advocacy, testified before the House Small Business Subcommittee on Finance and Tax on Thursday, July 23. Dr. Ransone indicated AAFP’s support for the *Small Business Health Information Technology Financing Act* (HR 3014), which would allow physicians to secure loans through commercial vendors to purchase EHR systems, along with a one to three year deferral period to pay back the loan. Dr. Ransone stressed how the up-front capital to buy HIT would be essential for solo, small and medium-sized practices. His comments and replies to questions posed by the committee may be found on YouTube, where the committee posts its hearings at: http://www.youtube.com/view_play_list?p=C0F4E71C43403C03

Need a quick and easy way to get your point across?

Here are links to information on AAFP policy and support statements:

AAFP One-pagers on federal health care’s two biggest issues

AAFP Government Relations has created 1-pagers with key talking points for member use regarding Health Care Coverage for All and Health Care System Reform.

Overall reform:

<http://chapters.aafp.org/online/etc/medialib/execs/documents/news/july09/reform.Par.0001.File.dat/System-Reform-1-Pager.pdf>

Health Care for All:

<http://chapters.aafp.org/online/etc/medialib/execs/documents/news/july09/hcforall.Par.0001.File.dat/Health-Care-For-All-1-Pager.pdf>

Links to AAFP press statements in response to recent activities:

AAFP Support of HR 3200 Statement on July 17, 2009

<http://www.aafp.org/online/en/home/media/releases/newsreleases-statements-2009/americasaffordablehealthchoicesactof2009.html>

AAFP support of House Health Reform Proposal, June 25, 2009

<http://www.aafp.org/online/en/home/media/releases/newsreleases-statements-2009/waysandmeansandenergyandcommercecommittee-testimony-epperly.html>

AAFP policy on public option June 12, 2009

<http://www.aafp.org/online/en/home/media/releases/newsreleases-statements-2009/public-and-private-health-plans.html>

Public Plan Option

The AAFP's Board of Directors has endorsed the public plan option, as long as that plan adheres to several conditions for fair competition. The conditions are that:

- administrators of the public plan must be accountable to an entity other than the one identified to govern the marketplace;
- the public plan cannot be Medicare;
- the public plan must be actuarially sound;
- the public plan cannot leverage Medicare or any other public program to force providers to participate;
- the public plan should not be required to use Medicare payment rates;
- insurance market rules and regulations governing the public plan must be the same as those governing private plans;
- the public plan cannot be granted an unfair advantage in enrolling the uninsured or low-income individuals, who presumably will be eligible for subsidies in the new marketplace;
- public and private insurers should be required to adhere to the same rules regarding reserve funds; and
- the public plan would need to contribute to value-based initiatives that benefit all payers.



AAFP's *CONNECT FOR REFORM*

You don't have to fly to Washington, DC to be heard! You don't have to draft a letter to the editor from scratch. AAFP has the answer with the **Connect for Reform Blog** and action center. *Connect for Reform* is a new e-advocacy campaign designed to give AAFP's members an inside look at the health care reform debate in Washington and offer easy and effective ways to get involved. Nearly 2400 AAFP members have joined!

Family physicians have an incredible opportunity this year to influence the health care reform debate. Please do it today! Log on and sign up at www.aafp.org and click on the **Connect for Reform** icon on the right side of the page.

CME Information

National Procedures Institute

August 6-10 at the Avenue Hotel
160 E. Huron in Chicago

Invest in procedures with National Procedures Institute in 2009! Our Illinois chapter is proud to partner with NPI to provide you an exciting opportunity to bring new procedures to your practice. When you attend an NPI course, NPI will send \$50 to the Illinois Academy of Family Physicians. All you have to do is enter "Illinois" in the Referral Code field when you register online at the NPI Web site so that our chapter receives credit for your attendance.

Don't forget to enter **Illinois** in the Referral Code field during the registration process and start getting more out of your practice with NPI.

The following are the courses and dates available.

Aug 6 - 7	ECG Interpretation	\$ 825
Aug 6 - 7	Sclerotherapy	\$ 925
Aug 6 - 7	EGD (Gastroscopy) with TNE	\$ 1000
Aug 8 - 9	Sleep Disorders	\$ 1000
Aug 8 - 9	Stress ECG Testing	\$ 950
Aug 8 - 9	Colonoscopy	\$ 1275
Aug 8 - 10	Colonoscopy and Advanced Colonoscopy - Value Package	\$ 2075
Aug 10	Colonoscopy, Advanced	\$ 1000

Save the Date: Risk Management seminar and dinner

Emerging Trends: Loss Prevention for Today and the Future

IAFP and ProAssurance will present a Risk Management seminar to better prepare you and your practice for tomorrow's challenges.

Tuesday, September 22

6:00-8:00 p.m.

Maggiano's Little Italy, Oakbrook

Registration and dinner begins at 5:30

Learning Objectives

Participation in this seminar will better enable participants to:

- Identify emerging trends impacting the practice of medicine;
- Revise practice patterns to mitigate professional liability risks created by emerging trends; and
- Develop additional risk management techniques to enhance patient safety in light of emerging trends in medicine.

Who Should Attend?

This loss prevention seminar is intended for physicians of all specialties; no experiential or academic prerequisites are necessary.

This live program is FREE for IAFP members (\$100 for non-members) and awards continuing medical education credit and may qualify you for premium credit. To register, e-mail Kate Valentine at kvalentine@iafp.com

Child and Adolescent Depression – Diagnosis and Management, August 15

In collaboration with the Illinois Primary Health Care Association (IPHCA) Clinician Staff Section - Continuing Education Program, faculty from the University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC), Department of Psychiatry-Illinois DocAssist Program, Toya Clay, MD and Kamaria Gammon-Bond, LCSW, CADC will present two-module workshops on Child and Adolescent Depression.

These two modules are designed to be user-friendly and applicable to real primary care practice settings. This four hour session is approved for 5 category 1 continuing education credits. Participants will be required to complete pre, post, and program evaluation for both modules in order to receive the full 5 credits. This event will take place on Saturday, August 15, 2009, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at IPHCA Institute for Learning, 500 South Ninth Street, Springfield, IL. Please register by completing the registration form found under Upcoming Trainings on the IPHCA website at <http://www.iphca.org> by August 15, 2009. Please contact Kathleen Burton at (217) 541-7337 or kburton@iphca.org or Rajesh Parikh, MD, Director of Education and Professional Development for Clinicians, at (312) 692-3032 or rparikh@iphca.org with any questions.

Teleconference: Achieving quality outcomes and pay for performance goals in primary care practice:

EDOPC strategies in implementing developmental screening

Enhancing Developmentally Oriented Primary Care (EDOPC) is conducting the second education teleconference of 2009.

August 26 from 8:00a.m.-9:00a.m.

You will have the opportunity to earn continuing medical education (CME) credit by learning to:

- Identify the purpose of developmental screening and early intervention
- Use tools to screen for developmental delays
- Implement referral procedures for children who fail or pass but exhibit potential developmental concerns
- Employ parent/caregiver education materials, and implement efficient office procedures for screening and referrals

This education teleconference will also focus on billing, coding, and pay for performance. To register for this event please contact Paula Zajac, Project Coordinator at 312/733-1026 ext 212 or pzajac@illinoisaaap.com.

Behavioral Health in Family Medicine Conference

Presented by the Medical College of Wisconsin, Dept. of Family and Community Medicine

September 24-27

Westin Lombard Yorktown Hotel, Lombard, Ill.

Up to 23.25 AMA PRA Category 1 CME credits

Link to the conference brochure at <http://www.iafp.com/CME/bsfp.pdf>

Register online at <http://www.familymedicine.org>

Registration information, please contact:

Bonnie Lawyer, Medical College of Wisconsin

blawyer@mcw.edu

Phone: 414-456-4205 or Fax: 414-456-6523

IAFP ONLINE FREE CME

With the Illinois Academy of Family Physicians (IAFP) CME Website, <http://www.IAFP.com/education> (registration required), you will be able to track which CME courses you have completed and obtain your CME certificates - simply with the click of a button at the end of each completed online course.

Check out any of the IAFP FREE online CME programs and you could earn up to nine credits by completing all of the case studies.



YOUR HEALTHCARE PLUS FREE CME

Visit <http://www.yhplus.com>

Each topic contains valuable resources, including disease management tips, clinical education, QI worksheets and reference materials, as well as audio files for people on the go. All CME modules on this website, except QI, have been approved for AMA Cat 1 credit, AAFP prescribed credit, nursing contact hours, and asthma and depression have been approved for ABFM MC-FP Part IV credit.



KNOWLEDGE THAT TOUCHES PATIENTS

PRI-MED CME INFORMATION

<http://www.pri-med.com>

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Partnering with the IAFP, Pri-Med offers world-class CME programs in your area. Taught by leading experts, you can earn Continuing Medical Education credits at little or no cost. All activities listed are approved for AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s). Application for AAFP Prescribed credit has been submitted.

Pri-Med Access with ACP

You're invited to this complimentary 2-day, innovative CME program designed for primary care physicians with active patient panels. In collaboration with the ACP and Pri-Med Institute, the CME curriculum addresses four essential primary care areas: cardiovascular disease, diabetes/obesity, immunizations, and dependency disorders where you can learn assessment techniques, preventative strategies, and new treatments and therapies.

>> **[Chicago, IL](#)** – Friday and Saturday, November 6-7, 2009

http://www.pri-med.com/pmo/ViewEvent.aspx?EventCode=26chi09b&CCODE=r12&utm_source=oafp&utm_medium=partnerlink&utm_campaign=AM_IAFP_R12

(Please note: This program is designed for primary care physicians with active patient panels and whose attendance at this program will benefit the treatment of their patients. A limited number of registration opportunities will be made available for nurse practitioners and physician assistants also engaged in active patient care.)

Pri-Med Midwest Conference & Exhibition

Annual conference and exhibition composed of Pre-Conference Symposia day, 3 core program days, and over 50 clinical lectures from Harvard Medical School and Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine. Plus, a dozen practice management sessions, industry-supported symposia, and a dynamic exhibit hall.

[Family Health Foundation of Illinois](#)

Congratulations to Courtney Monier, Illinois Tar Wars Poster Contest winner, on her 7th place finish at the National Tar Wars poster Contest in Washington, DC on July 14!



Link to the full update on IAFP web site at <http://www.iafp.com/tarwars/TWUpdate.pdf>

Resident and Student Information

SAVE the Date! Residents and Students **IAFP Fall Forum – Saturday October 10 in Oak Brook**

Students: This is the IAFP's premier annual event to explore family medicine, try some hands-on procedures, and visit with dozens of residency programs from Illinois and beyond.

Residency programs – Exhibit, provide a workshop or demonstration and get valuable personal time with medical students from throughout the state.

Fall Forum – Saturday October 10th
Doubletree Hotel
1909 Spring Road
Oak Brook, IL 60523
630-472-6000
Room rate: \$107 single/double – cut off date is September 24th

Interested students and residency programs can contact Crishelle O'Rourke for more information at 630-427-8006 or corourke@iafp.com

AAFP Offers Student Webinars, Videos and New Resources

A number of video and print resources are available for students in addition to a series of upcoming webinars geared towards students on advocacy, the Patient-Centered Medical Home and "A Day in the Life of a Family Physician."

Find them all at

<http://chapters.aafp.org/online/execs/home/news/archives/july09/newresources.html>

News you can use

Seasonal and Pandemic Influenza Update, 2009-10 Teleconference

Health care providers working in Chicago are invited to participate in a teleconference update about seasonal and pandemic influenza prevention. In this hour-long presentation Dr. Julie Morita, Medical Director, CDPH Immunization Program, will summarize the 2009-10

recommendations for seasonal influenza vaccine, pandemic influenza disease activity, and activities related to pandemic influenza vaccine.

Information provided in this session will help healthcare providers prepare for the 2009-10 influenza season.

Teleconferences are scheduled on

Thursday, August 6, 2009, 8-9 am

Thursday, August 6, 2009, 12-1 pm

Please register online at:

http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=Bf_2fj2pbRraEB5BcOJ5bxdg_3d_3d

If you do not have access to the Internet, contact Rose Wang at (312) 746-6247 to register.

Thursday, August 13, 2009, 8-9 am

Thursday, August 13, 2009, 12-1 pm

Please register online at:

http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=Bf_2fj2pbRraEB5BcOJ5bxdg_3d_3d

If you do not have access to the Internet, contact Cynthia Evans at (312) 746-6129 to register.

H1N1 Updates

CDC recently provided a Clinician Outreach and Communication Activity (COCA) update on novel H1N1 that is now posted on the web. The audio and interim transcript (along with the PowerPoint slides) of the COCA Conference Call, July 15 - H1N1 Vaccine (about an hour long presentation) is now available, and may be accessed by clicking on the following link:

<http://emergency.cdc.gov/coca/callinfo.asp>

Other CDC H1N1 resources: <http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/>

AAFP information for FPs concerning H1N1:

<http://www.aafp.org/online/en/home/clinical/disasterprep/swine-flu.html>

FP Volunteer needed to shape Central Illinois Health Information Exchange planning project

Family physician in Bloomington, Champaign, Decatur, and Peoria area needed to serve on executive advisory board for Health Information Exchange planning project. The family physician perspective is needed to plan how practices and health systems can exchange information.

Project kickoff is August 27 in Bloomington. Time commitment is monthly meetings (in-person or teleconference) of 1-2 hours (likely late morning or early afternoon). For more information contact Michael Zia, M.D., Decatur Memorial Hospital, michaelz@dmhhs.org, or call 217-876-2102.

Your input needed on employer efforts to help employees manage diabetes

The Chicago-based, non-profit Midwest Business Group on Health (MBGH), a coalition of large self-funded employers, has been active for several years in helping employers understand and address diabetes in their workforce populations. Employers are increasingly offering worksite programs and incentives to their diabetic employees to motivate them to take steps to manage their condition and adhere to their doctor's drug and medical regimen. During this time, MBGH has conducted surveys and focus groups of employers and employees on their perspectives of wellness programs, incentives and the need to motivate lifestyle changes.

Since physicians have a great influence on patient decision-making regarding their health, MBGH is conducting an online survey of physicians to determine how they perceive and value these employer efforts to improve the health of diabetic patients. IAFP members are invited to complete the short survey at <http://www.zoomerang.com/Survey/?p=WEB229F4MFGYH7>.

Responses will be analyzed and a report will be completed in the fall. While no individual information will be released, physicians who respond will be given the option of receiving the results by including their email addresses on the survey form. Questions about the survey and MBGH should be directed to Larry Boress, President & CEO, MBGH, 312-372-9090 x 101 or at lboress@mbgh.org.

Members in the news

E-mail Ginnie Flynn at gflynn@iafp.com to share your media clips or to request a copy of any items listed below.

IAFP board member **Carrie Nelson, MD** and Rush Copley family medicine colleague **Brenda Fann, MD** have joined together on a blog called "The Doctors Next Door." They welcome feedback from their IAFP colleagues. You can view the blog (which is not affiliated with IAFP) at <http://www.chicagonow.com/blogs/doctors-next-door/>. Current postings include the "flu zoo", MRSA and health care reform.

IAFP Delegate to the AAFP Congress **Ellen Brull, MD** of Glenview is featured in a July 20 *American Medical News* article about a recent survey that showed many physicians are unaware of their patients financial obligations beyond the co-pay at the time of service.

Warren Kruckmeyer, MD of Mundelein is the guest columnist for three Pioneer Press newspapers in the northwest suburbs on July 23rd educating readers and advocating for blood donations to help during the summer months when demand is up and donations are down.

Current IAFP Family Physician of the Year **William Hays, MD** was the featured speaker at the Southern Illinois Healthcare Second Act "Lunch and Learn" program on organ transplant and organ donation. You may recall Dr. Hays received a double lung transplant last December, just days after accepting the IAFP Family Physician of the Year honor. The story was covered in the July 20 *Southern Illinoisan*.

CLASSIFIED ADS

IAFP members may post a classified ad in E-news free of charge for up to 4 issues.

Classified ad rates for non-IAFP members are \$100 per month (2 issues per month).

Contact Ginnie Flynn at gflynn@iafp.com to place your ad or you can download and print a form at <http://www.iafp.com/pdfs/EnewsAd.pdf>

1. CHICAGOLAND - Departing partner creates excellent opportunity in Illinois for a family practice physician. The office allows for full scope primary care. We are dedicated (with thorough acknowledgment of both nature and nurture) to providing excellent care to our patients by anticipating their future medical concerns. We then proactively use our medical skills to mitigate these issues in the present. The office setup, inclusive of lab, x-ray, and research participation provides for significantly above national average compensation. Competitive benefits, nationally recognized schools as well as proximity to Chicago provides for a great opportunity. For more information, e-mail apldocs@gmail.com
2. CHICAGO
Family physician for progressive, medical home practice in Southwest Chicago. Must be computer savvy. Must have excellent communication skills. Must have a passion for being an excellent family doctor. E-mail resume to lzielinski@visioneermd.com or fax 815-846-1072.

3. MELROSE PARK – Busy medical practice looking for board-eligible or board certified family medicine physician. Spanish-speaking a plus. Competitive salary and benefits are available. Fax CV to The Center for Women at 708-343-2116.
4. CHAMPAIGN - Position available in busy primary care clinic for a full-time or part-time Family Medicine physician. Frances Nelson Health Center, Satellite of Community Health Improvement Center, is a Federally Qualified Health Center located in Champaign, IL. Our Clinic is a Family Medicine model with care provided to babies, children, adults, and pregnant women. Benefits include health and life insurance, CME reimbursement, and Retirement plan for full-time physicians. Please call Andrea Goldberg, Site Director at 217 403-5401 and/or send letter of inquiry and resume to: agoldberg@chealthctr.org. We look forward to hearing from you to further discuss this opportunity.
5. QUINCY - Assistant Professor of Family and Community Medicine (2 positions) A community based, university-administered Family Medicine Residency Program is recruiting two board-certified/board eligible Family Physicians. Qualifications: Graduate of an accredited family medicine residency program, State of Illinois licensure or eligibility. Strong clinical skills and desire to teach are essential. Three or more years of clinical and/or teaching experience in an active Family Medicine practice, hospital-based procedural skills, or training and experience in providing maternity and obstetrical care are desirable.
Established for 30 years, the 18 resident program features a Sports Medicine Fellowship, progressive and innovative faculty, and a supportive medical environment. The service area population exceeds 175,000 and is located in a Midwestern community of approximately 40,000. Quincy is a great family community with excellent schools and a love of the arts. Highly competitive salary, excellent benefits and terrific residents.

Submit letter of interest and current CV to:

Tom Miller, MD, Residency Director
612 N 11th Suite B, Quincy, IL. 62301
Phone: 217-224-8957

Email: tmiller1@siumed.edu

Deadline to apply is June 30, 2009 or until filled.

SIU is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer.

[Repeat Items](#)

Health Care Night at the White Sox Game

If you were unable to attend the Tar Wars White Sox game on July 8th, here is another opportunity for discounted seats to a future White Sox game. The Sox host an annual Healthcare Grand Slam Group night on Friday September 18th, offering half price tickets to health care professionals. Ticket prices range from \$11.50 to \$32. Link to ordering information on our web site at <http://www.iafp.com/whatsnew/sepsocx.pdf>.

Illinois Health Connect Bonus Payments are on the way

How about some good news?

Update on Bonus Payments: Illinois Health Connect is pleased to announce that over three-quarters of participating IHC PCPs qualified for a bonus payment through the 2008 Bonus Payment for High Performance program. Checks (from Automated Health Systems, not Illinois HFS) and a remittance advice listing the number of qualifying patients for each bonus payment measure were sent to the PCP's payee on July 6th. Detailed information including the names of all patients who met the criteria for bonus payments will be posted on the Illinois Health Connect Provider Portal that can be accessed through HFS' MEDI system. If you require assistance

accessing the IHC Provider Portal, please contact the IHC Provider Relations Helpdesk or your IHC Provider Service Representative at 1-877-912-1999. General information about the 2008 Bonus Payment for High Performance program can be found at www.illinoishealthconnect.com under the Quality Tools section.

Illinois Prescription Monitoring Program online for Licensed Prescribers

Concerned about possible controlled substance abuse?

Illinois has an online prescription monitoring program allowing licensed prescribers and dispensers of controlled substances to view a Prescription Information Library (PIL) for current and prospective patients only. To have access, a physician must apply at <https://www.ilpmp.org>. Applications take 1-2 days to be processed.

To see a power point overview of the Illinois Prescription Monitoring Program, link to the slide show at <http://www.iafp.com/whatsnew/RX.htm>

For more information, contact Stan Tylman, administrator for the Illinois Prescription Monitoring Program, Stan.Tylman@illinois.gov or call 217-524-9074.

IAFP Launches PCMH center on our web site

To compliment AAFP's extensive member and public education efforts (see the AAFP site at <http://www.aafp.org/online/en/home/membership/initiatives/pcmh.html>) IAFP has created our Illinois PCMH center on our web site.

Check it out at <http://www.iafp.com/PCMH/index.htm>

AAFP Congress of Delegates CALL FOR RESOLUTIONS

The Illinois Academy of Family Physicians invites members to submit resolutions for consideration for Illinois to propose for the 2009 AAFP Congress of Delegates.

Resolutions must be submitted in writing no later **August 21, 2009** to be considered by the IAFP Task Force on Resolutions, and sent via e-mail to Gordana Krkic at gkrkic@iafp.com. AAFP offers tips on writing resolutions (from the National Conference of Special Constituencies) at

http://www.aafp.org/online/etc/medialib/aafp_org/documents/cme/courses/conf/conference/reswritinghowto.Par.0001.File.tmp/ResolutionWritingNutshell.pdf

ICAAP seeks FPs interested in pediatric oral health

Bright Smiles from Birth is an Illinois Chapter American Academy of Pediatrics (ICAAP) educational program on oral health. The presentation provides guidelines for Pediatricians and Family Physicians on simple ways to add an oral health component to well child visits. It provides an overview of anticipatory guidance for parents, performing an oral health assessment, application of fluoride varnish and referral to a dental home.

This is a collaborative effort between ICAAP, the University of Illinois at Chicago pediatric dental program, the Illinois Society of Pediatric Dentists, Michael Reese Health Trust, and the Illinois Departments of Public Health and Healthcare and Family Services. The program is part of a pilot in Cook County and the collar counties that is allowing primary care providers to bill for application of fluoride varnish. In addition, Federal Qualified Health Centers from across the state may participate in the program.

ICAAP is looking for physicians to host presentations in their practices. If you are interested or would like to learn more about this program, please contact Jennie Pinkwater at jpinkwater@illinoisaaap.com or 312/733-1026 ext 213.

From AAFP - Identity Theft Red Flags Rule Deadline Extended to August 1

The 90-day extension of the Red Flags deadline gives physicians additional time to prepare for compliance. Link to more info at

<http://www.aafp.org/online/en/home/practicemgt/regulatory-compliance/id-theft.html>

FAQs for billing and copayments for Medicaid patients

There is often much confusion around billing of copayments for patients whose healthcare is covered by Medicaid. The Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services (HFS) has put together a useful FAQ (Frequently Asked Questions) document on their website, <http://www.hfs.illinois.gov/billing/> to assist practices with Medicaid copayments. After clicking on the link, the FAQ is titled, "Questions and Answers on Billing Co-Payments June 2009".

Alzheimer's Foundation of America's National Concepts in Care Conference

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