



e-News for April 16, 2010

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IAFP Springs into Action at the Capitol

The final week of IAFP Spring into Action 2010 was filled with sunny skies and family medicine enthusiasm, even if the mood under the capitol dome is more gloom and doom. This week, 12 active IAFP members and nine resident members visited with legislators in both chambers and both parties to discuss the bills and issues we've covered in the e-news State Government Relations section the past few weeks. Members were able to emphasize the importance of renewing the Medical Practice Act with every legislator, to ensure that physician licenses remain valid after Dec. 31, 2010.

Thursday's training session also included nine SIU Springfield third-year medical students, who came to learn about the advocacy process and the issues family medicine is currently facing in the state legislature.

Also on Thursday, past president Ellen Brull, MD of Glenview represented IAFP at a press conference with the Campaign for Tobacco Free Kids and Illinois Coalition Against Tobacco announcing poll results demonstrating that 75 percent of Illinois voters support a \$1 increase in the cigarette tax. "Far too many people are still struggling with tobacco use. Higher tobacco taxes are a proven strategy in reducing use, compelling smokers to quit, and keeping youth from tobacco use," Brull told the packed press room. Senate President John Cullerton, Sen. Jeff Schoenberg and Rep. Karen Yarbrough also spoke in support of the tax increase.

Read more about the specific issues of Spring into Action in the State Government Relations Section.



Nuts & Bolts of the Patient Centered Medical Home June 25-26 at the Marriott Oak Brook Hotel

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Earn over 8 CME Credits!

Choose from topics offered in four tailored education tracks:

PCMH 101 and PCMH 201 (Sponsored by TransforMED)

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- Session on medical homes and children with special needs from ICAAP
- Learning Lab assistance from Illinois Health Connect, Your Healthcare Plus and Illinois Medicaid
- Exhibitors with products and services for your practice
- Hear from panels of primary care practices that reflect your situation. Get answers to your questions about the PCMH model and the road to get there.

This conference is for primary care physicians and their leadership team interested in implementing the medical home. **Group discounts are available and early bird registration (save \$50) runs through May 31.**

IAFP practices sought for new, paid vaccine cost study

Would you like to try a new way to assess the true vaccine costs to your practice?

A new tool from the AAFP National Research Network and Sanofi allows practices to better assess how much they are spending on immunizations, taking all aspects into account including the cost of vaccine, necessary equipment, personnel, ordering, freezer space, etc. Your costs are compared to average costs, provided by CMS, allowing you to discern if your costs fall within a normal range or if your costs are higher or lower. This information can be very helpful to practices always looking for ways to trim costs.

There is very limited space (10 practices) for this two-month trial. Trial participants will be paid \$750 for participating in the study.

Important Information for Study Participation

- You need Windows 2000 or newer to run the program. If you have a Mac, you need Intel Core™ Duo 1.83GHz or faster processor; PowerPC® G4 1GHz or faster processor; Mac OS X 10.4.11 or Mac OS X 10.5.4, 10.5.5, and 10.6
- The study will run for two months
- Each practice must assign someone from their office to be the practice facilitator to complete the study. That person needs access or the ability to gain access to information regarding costs for immunizations, operating practice, how members of the practice, generally, allocate time and salary information.
- Facilitator must fill out the cost-tool online. (approx. 5 hours per week)
- There will be at least two interviews with the facilitator and AAFP NRN

If you are interested in possibly participating in this study, contact Christi Emerson at 630-427-8005 or cemerson@iafp.com. Very limited space available—don't delay!



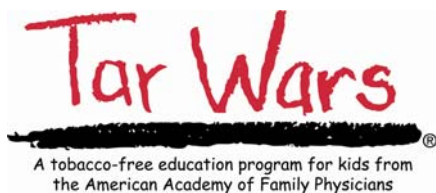
Take me out to the ball game!

Opening Day is almost here!

The Foundation has its annual fundraiser game all set, and tickets are now available! The game is **Thursday, July 29th** at 7pm vs. the Seattle

Mariners. Last year 200 IAFP baseball fans attended the game, and this year we are shooting for 250. We have the same great lower box seats, so get your tickets now! Tickets are \$35 each – which is **less than face value** and **\$15 of each ticket** goes to the Foundation; 4 tickets = \$60 donation, 10 tickets = \$150! There's no easier way to support your Family Health Foundation of Illinois.

Link to an order form at <http://www.iafp.com/foundation/Sox10.pdf> - orders are due June 28th!



Poster contest winners!

View the winning poster and runners up on our web sit at <http://www.iafp.com/tarwars/2010posters.htm>

The 2010 Illinois Tar Wars Poster Contest Results:

WINNER: Madisyn Quinn, Ladd Community Consolidated School
2nd Place: Brandon Johnson, Lincoln Elementary - Morton
3rd Place: Keila Havken-Peterson, Putnam Co. Elementary- Hennepin

Federal Government Relations

SGR 21% cut on hold again... till June 1

The Senate voted 59-38 to approve legislation that pushes back until June 1 a 21.2% physician pay cut that began today, setting the stage for a vote by the House late Thursday night. Read more on AAFP News Now Breaking News at

<http://www.aafp.org/online/en/home/publications/news/news-now/government-medicine/20100415sgrextension.html>

FIX the SGR! Use this updated AAFP letter, edit it to reflect YOUR message and send it right away to your Senators and your Representative. Use the **SpeakOut!** letter posted 3/1/10

<http://capitol.aafp.org/aafp/issues/alert/?alertid=14742376&PROCESS=Take+Action>

Health Care Reform – AAFP provides one stop shopping for answers:

Check out AAFP's site with complete information tailored to family physicians

<http://www.aafp.org/online/en/home/policy/federal/hcrleg2010.html>

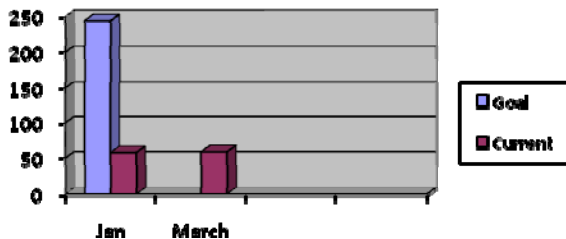
Timeline of reform implementation:

http://www.aafp.org/online/etc/medialib/aafp_org/documents/policy/fed/hcr-timeline.Par.0001.File.dat/timeline.pdf



Illinois FamMedPAC champion Ellen Brull, MD of Glenview is challenging IAFP members to step up so that 10 percent of Illinois active members contribute to the PAC. IAFP needs 244 total contributors to reach that 10 percent goal, and we are nearly one-fourth of the way there! Thank you to the 59 donors (which can and does include residents, students and staff!) who have contributed during the current cycle. To add your contribution to our total, please visit <http://www.aafp.org/online/en/home/policy/fammedpac.html> to make a secure online donation.

IAFP FamMedPAC donors



Total 09-10 Donors:	59
Total 09-10 Donations:	\$16,732.00 (9th among chapters)
Average Donation:	\$284
% of Chapter Donating:	2.41%

State Government Relations

DHS memo clears up confusion on mid-levels and Schedule II Controlled Substances

IAFP has received a notice from the Illinois Department of Human Services detailing that mid-level providers are not yet authorized to write prescriptions for Schedule II drugs. The DEA has not issued approval for the Illinois PA 96-268 (for limited Schedule II Controlled Substances) from August 2009. Read the full DHS memo here: <http://www.iafp.com/legislative/dhs.pdf>

Some bills that IAFP is actively working on:

HB 6441 creates the Illinois Health Information Exchange and Technology Act which provides for a State authority with public and private representation to facilitate the secure exchange of electronic health records to deliver better health care. Supporting the adoption of electronic health records among health care providers in Illinois, and building the infrastructure necessary to make HIE possible, are essential components of the State's plan to improve the quality and cost-effectiveness of health care. The bill's sponsor, Rep. Julie Hamos (D-Evanston) has championed the issue since its inception, along with IAFP member **Ellen Brull, MD**. No opposition is anticipated in the Senate. Link to a fact sheet on the bill at <http://www.hie.illinois.gov/assets/hb6441fs.pdf>.

SB 3174 (Banning e-cigarettes) passed the Senate and was debated in the House Human Services Committee on Wednesday, but no vote was taken. The bill would prohibit the sale of any devices not approved by the FDA. Learn more about this bill at <http://www.iafp.com/legislative/SB3174e-cigarettes.pdf>

SB 2627 creates the Child Safety Bicycle Helmet Law which is an initiative of the Illinois Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics (ICAAP). Since its introduction, the bill has been amended several times to remove all proposed penalties and converts the proposal to one of parent education. The bill establishes that helmets are required for children under sixteen on bicycles as Illinois policy. Link to fact sheet at <http://www.iafp.com/legislative/BikeHelmetFactSheet.pdf>

Reminder:

The Medical Practice Act is up for renewal this year but the Senate bill (SB 3519) was placed in Subcommittee and there is no identified House bill. IAFP has raised awareness with rank and file legislators as well as House and Senate leadership and this will remain on our radar until it the Act is renewed (deleted "and is passed"). A fact sheet is on our web site at <http://www.iafp.com/legislative/RenewtheMPA.pdf> and we urge IAFP members to use the information and educate their state representatives and senators about the importance of physician licensure.

New this week - HB 6065/SB 3822 would allow for any employed school staff member (laypeople) to administer diabetes care management plans. The IAFP joined with the nurses, teachers and others in opposing this bill. Link to a fact sheet at <http://www.iafp.com/legislative/HB6065SB3822.pdf>

CME Information

Illinois E.H.R. and HIE FREE Conferences in Central Illinois

Quality Quest for Health of Illinois and the University of Illinois College of Medicine at Peoria are jointly sponsoring a **free** morning conference on electronic health records and health information exchange at three different locations in central Illinois next week:

- April 20 – I Hotel and Conference Center, Champaign
- April 21 – Embassy Suites Riverfront Conference Center, East Peoria
- April 22 – Marriott Hotel and Conference Center, Normal

Physicians, residents and medical students, practice managers, administrators, nurses and other allied healthcare professionals will be able to learn:

- how the coming changes in health information technology can impact patient care
- what physicians will need to do in order to access stimulus dollars
- where support is being provided throughout the transition to electronic health records and health information exchange.

The University of Illinois (UIC) College of Medicine designates this educational activity for a maximum of **3 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits**.

More information and on-line pre-registration is below.

<http://www.qualityquest.org/events/central-illinois-ehr-hie-summit/>

Home Care and Palliative Care Conference – May 22

Jointly Sponsored by the Illinois Academy of Family Physicians, University of Illinois at Chicago Department of Family Medicine & Home Physicians

Join us for a FREE CME conference directed to physicians who provide “house calls” for patients who are unable to access routine medical treatment due to physical or mental limitations. Many of these individuals are unable to see a specialist for their condition and thus the primary care provider will need to direct the treatment pathways for conditions that may not be commonly addressed. The program focuses in on common disease states found in this population and the current medical treatment options available.

Saturday May 22, 2010 from 8 a.m. – 12 p.m.

UIC College of Medicine - Moss Auditorium, 909 S. Wolcott St., Chicago, IL

Link to a flyer at <http://www.iafp.com/calendar/FlyerHomecare.pdf>

Free to attend! For more information or to register to attend please contact Kate Valentine at 630-427-8000, or by e-mail at kvalentine@iafp.com

Wanted: project faculty in the Decatur area

EDOPC is a partnership of Advocate HealthCares “Healthy Steps for Young Children Program” and Illinois Chapter, American Academy of Pediatrics is recruiting faculty for a Faculty training:

May 5, 2010 8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Child & Family Connections - Macon County Community Mental Health Board

132 S. Water, Suite 604, Decatur, Illinois 62523

Training materials, meals, and snacks will be provided. There is no charge for parking for the day.

Participants will be trained to use curricula that focus on:

- Developmental Screening and Referral
- Social/Emotional Screening and Referral
- Early Autism Detection and Referral
- Perinatal Depression Screening and Referral
- Domestic Violence Screening and Referral

Becoming faculty is a great way to learn about these important pediatric health issues and the local services available to support families.

Space is limited. To reserve your place, please register online (<http://e2ma.net/go/8139474742/2694878/93119330/3505/goto:https://app.e2ma.net/app2/survey/3505/19913/a2c1ff74ac/>) by April 28, 2010. If you have questions about this event, please contact Juanona Brewster, MDiv, MTS, MJ, Director of Early Childhood Development for Illinois AAP at 312-733-1026 x203 or jbrewster@illinoisAAP.com.

Free CME Webinars on Nutrition

In this free CME webinar series, produced in partnership with the American Society for Nutrition, family physicians and nutrition researchers will present evidence-based guidelines and practical approaches to integrating nutrition science into family medicine offices.

- May 4: Nutrition and Heart Disease
- July 14: Nutrition and Digestive Health

Each event begins at 6:00 p.m. ET. The live webinars will be recorded for enduring credit. To learn more and enroll, go to www.aafp.org/webinars/nutrition.

The webinar series is supported by an educational grant from General Mills Bell Institute of Health and Nutrition.



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

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Illinois Health Connect Webinars:

Illinois Health Connect hosts monthly webinars on clinical and administrative topics that are important to providing care to HFS patients. Webinars are open to any physicians, administrative, and clinical staff. Upcoming webinar topics are listed below. To RSVP, contact the IHC Provider Services Helpdesk at 1-877-912-1999.

Wednesday, April 28, 2010 Time: 12pm – 1:30pm

“Illinois DocAssist” Illinois children who have mental health and substance abuse problems are receiving improved treatment through a new program called Illinois DocAssist. Illinois DocAssist is a child and adolescent mental health and substance use consultation program that helps primary care providers offer better treatment for young patients. Learn how you can access consultation services, educational tools, and trainings to help you best meet your young patients' needs.

Wednesday, May 26, 2010 Time: 12pm – 1:30pm

“Health Resources for HFS Women in the Perinatal Period” In a recent medical record review and study conducted to assess the content of prenatal care in certain high-risk communities in Chicago, it was identified that referrals to certain resources available to perinatal women were either not documented in the medical record or were not made. The purpose of the webinar is to avail information and resources to providers on these services to facilitate appropriate referrals.

A reminder: As of June 1, 2010, HFS will no longer mail Provider Notices to participating providers. Docs should sign up for email delivery of the notices. Visit <http://www.hfs.illinois.gov/assets/040210n.pdf>

I-CARE can help you improve immunization records

Looking for a way to improve immunization rates in your practice? Searching for an effective way to accurately track patient immunization records? I-CARE, Illinois Comprehensive Automated Immunization Registry Exchange, can help your practice with all of the above! I-CARE saves time tracking and reporting immunizations providing practices a centralized place to track immunization records, print immunization records and school physical forms, generate reminder letters for immunizations that are due and more. An additional benefit is that immunization data collected through I-CARE may help providers achieve minimum bonus payments of \$20 per patient through Illinois Health Connect. Participating practices will receive a free in-office training scheduled at a time convenient for their practice, including a comprehensive resource binder. A modest meal will be provided for participating staff. To schedule a presentation please call Annie Boesen at 312/733-1026 ext. 216, e-mail at aboesen@illinoisaaap.com or go to <http://www.iafp.com/whatsnew/icare.pdf> to fill out a request.

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 past-president **Tim Vega, MD** and his OSF colleagues appeared on WEEK-TV in Peoria for a live call-in show and online blogging session answering patient health care questions on April 2.

Sarah Kimber, MD was quoted in the April 7 *Kane County Chronicle* talking about how busy their local free clinic is now and looks ahead to health care reform.

Marlon Muneses, MD talks about diabetes patient education at a local health fair in the April 7 *Decatur Herald and Review*.

Repeat Items

IAFP Award nominations now open – deadline is June 30

Just complete the appropriate nomination form and **include a letter of support** outlining your reasons for nominating that member. **All nominees must be IAFP members in good standing to be considered.**

Family Physician of the Year: <http://www.iafp.com/PR/FPOYWANTED.pdf>

Family Medicine Teachers of the Year: <http://www.iafp.com/PR/TOYNomination.pdf>

Help for children with mental health issues

Let Illinois DocAssist child and adolescent psychiatrists assist you with treatment and referrals for your young patients who may be experiencing mental health or substance abuse problems.

Illinois DocAssist can help providers improve the delivery and coordination of mental health and substance use care in children and adolescents up to the age of 21. Whether you have a medication question or simply need a referral, DocAssist offers its services **free of charge!** Call our consultation line M-F, 9 AM to 5 PM (CST), 1-866-986-2778 (ASST). Or visit us at www.psych.uic.edu/DOCASSIST.

Attention Illinois Health Connect Providers – Satisfaction Survey is online

Illinois Health Connect is conducting their Annual PCP Satisfaction Survey. Your responses are important. Based on the survey results from the past two years, IHC has implemented several changes in order to better serve their PCPs and your patients. Please take a moment to complete the survey. In order to ensure a good response rate, the surveys will be mailed and faxed to all PCPs or you can complete the survey online using the link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/IHCprovidersurvey>

Thank you for your feedback!

AAFP 2010 Scientific Assembly: Consider a Poster Presentation

Consider presenting a poster at the AAFP's 2010 Scientific Assembly in Denver, CO, September 29 - October 2. Apply online (<http://www.aafp.org/assembly/2010/index.html>). The deadline for submission is April 23. Members can share methodologies and findings with physicians who know and value family medicine's unique challenges and opportunities. The Scientific Assembly offers members a quality venue in which to present research. For more information please contact Candice Reynolds at creynold@aafp.org or (800) 274-2237, Ext. 6539.

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>

FAMILY MEDICINE OR MED-PEDS BILINGUAL PHYSICIAN (JC1652) (AMBULATORY AND COMMUNITY HEALTH NETWORK) Full time practice at the Vista Health Center of Cook County, Palatine.

REQUIREMENTS: Medical degree or foreign equivalent; Illinois physician and surgeon license; must be board certified or board eligible in Family Medicine or Internal Medicine-Pediatrics; three years experience in job offered or resident physician; bilingual required (English/Spanish).

JOB DUTIES:

- Have nine direct patient care sessions; complete all clinical administrative duties in a timely fashion.
- Participate in quality assurance and quality improvement projects of the health center and ACHN as assigned. Serve on the Bureau and ACHN committees and tasks as assigned.
- Participate in: community activities, teaching activities and community based research projects.
- In-patient care is optional if mutually agreed upon.
- Take after hours phone calls on a rotating basis.

STARTING SALARY: \$ 5,654.00 Biweekly

APPLICATION PERIOD: March 29 - April 9, 2010

SEND RESUME TO:

Specialty Care Center Administration Attn: Stephen Stabile, M.D.
1901 West Harrison, Room 2150 Chicago, Illinois 60612

Southwest Chicago - Established, progressive, thriving Family Practice in SW Chicago is seeking full-time physician. Must be computer savvy. Must have excellent communication skills. Requirements include IL Licensure and family medicine board certification. E-mail CV to mkim@healthdirections.com or fax 815-846-1072.

Northwest Suburbs of Chicago: Family practice office in Lake Zurich is looking to hire a full-time or part-time Family Practice Physician to add to the current staff of a board certified Family Practice Physician, a board certified Osteopathic Family Physician, a Business Administrator, three nurses and support staff. This additional associate would share outpatient/inpatient patient care with the 2 doctors. We care for infants/pediatrics, adults, and geriatrics, providing outpatient, inpatient, and nursing home care to approximately 3000 patients and growing. Inpatient hospital call would be every third weekend and would exclude any obstetrics.

This is a great opportunity and we are looking for our new physician to start as soon as possible. Interested persons should contact the business administrator, Robin, at 847-438-4028 or email advmedcare@comcast.net.

Medical Director Department of Public Health - The City of Chicago's Department of Public Health is seeking a Medical Director to provide medical direction and policy development for the Department's Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) Program. This position will be responsible for medical decision making and guidance for the CDC and ASPR programs.

Description: Under the direction of the Deputy Commissioner for Public Health Preparedness and Emergency response, serves as the Medical Director for the Office of Public Health Preparedness and Emergency Response. The Medical Director will be responsible for providing medical direction and policy development for the CDPH Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) Program. The CDPH PHEP Program includes public health preparedness and hospital/healthcare system preparedness. The Medical Director will direct all medical planning activities within the PHEP Program including, but not limited to the development of All Hazards planning; pandemic flu plans; chemical/biological/radiological/nuclear/explosive plans; worker safety and Personal Protective Equipment plans and policies; Strategic National Stockpile (SNS) planning; hospital and healthcare system planning; etc. This position will report to the Deputy Commissioner for Emergency Preparedness. **An employee must be an actual resident of the City of Chicago. Proof of residency will be required at the time of employment.**

ALL REFERENCES TO POLITICAL SPONSORSHIP OR RECOMMENDATION MUST BE OMITTED FROM ANY AND ALL APPLICATION MATERIALS SUBMITTED FOR CITY EMPLOYMENT. All interested and qualified candidates must go online to apply at www.cityofchicago.org/CAREERS

Program Director, Family Medicine - Cox Health is seeking a Family Medicine Residency Program Director for their well established and thriving Residency Program. Cox Health is an integrated hospital system located in Springfield, MO. Established in 1987; this fully accredited program, which includes operative obstetrics, has enjoyed a 100% match rate. This position will have oversight of the clinical and didactic teaching of residents and medical students in both outpatient and inpatient settings. Family Medicine, the sole Residency Program within Cox, has an excellent support structure in place for a family physician with dynamic leadership ability ready to step up into this role.

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