



## e-News for August 7, 2009

### IAFP News

#### **IAFP President stands with US Sen. Dick Durbin on health care reform**



IAFP shared an exclusive stage with Sen. Dick Durbin as the only other speaker and the voice of primary care physicians in his August 2 press conference calling on Congress to pass a comprehensive health care reform bill this year. IAFP President Javette C. Orgain, MD and Sen. Durbin spoke to the press outside Northwestern Memorial Hospital urging Congress to act now, as our nation's health care crisis can't wait any longer.

"It is truly heartbreaking and frustrating to treat patients who can't afford coverage or are denied private insurance coverage due to their age or pre-existing conditions," said Orgain. "Something is fundamentally wrong when my patients must choose between the health care they need and deserve - or food on the table."

Senator Durbin stated that currently \$6 per hour of a worker's salary goes to health care costs and that number will rise to \$10 per hour eight years from now if we don't address our broken system. The press conference was widely covered by Chicago radio, television, the Chicago Sun-Times and a short Associated Press story which appeared in newspapers around the state. A complete listing of coverage appears in the "Members in the News" section of this e-News.

Dr. Orgain also emphasized a better payment for primary care as a requirement for building that healthier future. "Right now we have a looming shortage of primary care physicians. This reformed system we envision must reward primary care physicians for all of our work if we want medical students to choose careers as primary care physicians."

**Read Dr. Orgain's full statement here.** <http://www.iafp.com/pr/OrgainDurbin.pdf>

**View photos here:** <http://www.iafp.com/legislative/orgaindurbin%20pic.htm>

#### ***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

## State Government Relations

### **Gov. Quinn Signs HB 71 – No more texting and driving**

Governor Pat Quinn signed HB 71 on Thursday, August 6. The new law will prohibit reading or sending text messages while driving. IAFP strongly supported this bill during the spring session, in person during our Spring into Action visits and in letters to the editor.

Read IAFP's public statement of support at <http://www.iafp.com/pdfs/texting.pdf>

## Federal Government Relations

### **IAFP August Advocacy effort kicks off this weekend**

Congress is home for a month-long district work period called the August recess. The AAFP has invited all state chapters to participate in a nationwide advocacy effort on national health care reform. August recess is a great opportunity for IAFP to advocate for family medicine in the health reform debate. Therefore, your IAFP executive leaders and government relations committee members will be contacting Illinois members of Congress with the family medicine message of reform.

#### *What can you do?*

If you would also like to support this August Advocacy effort, IAFP has all the tools you need to contact your Congressman/woman. As varied as our members of Congress are, so are our family medicine members and their positions on healthcare reform. We have various messages and supporting documents to allow you to tailor your advocacy to your priorities. Whatever platform you choose, your voice on behalf of family medicine needs to be heard. You can contact your Congressman/woman via e-mail, fax, phone call, or personal visit.

If you would like the IAFP August Advocacy toolkit materials, please contact Gordana Krkic at IAFP. She can be reached at 630-427-8007 or at: [gkrkic@iafp.com](mailto:gkrkic@iafp.com). Also you can use the links to various IAFP and AAFP statements below.

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

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

#### **Overall reform one-pager:**

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

#### **Health Care for All one-pager:**

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

#### **Statement by IAFP President Javette Orgain, MD on Reform from August 2, 2009**

<http://www.iafp.com/pr/OrgainDurbin.pdf>

#### **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 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>



### 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](http://www.aafp.org) and click on the **Connect for Reform** icon on the right side of the page.

## CME Information



**PROASSURANCE.**  
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### **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 with dinner 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](mailto: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](mailto:kburton@iphca.org) or Rajesh Parikh, MD, Director of Education and Professional Development for Clinicians, at (312) 692-3032 or [rparikh@iphca.org](mailto: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

To register for this event please contact Paula Zajac, Project Coordinator at 312/733-1026 ext 212 or [pzajac@illinoisaaap.com](mailto: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

[blaywer@mcw.edu](mailto:blaywer@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.



<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](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.

## **Resident and Student Information**

### **CORRECTION: Link to Student resources and webinars**

The July 28<sup>th</sup> issue of IAFP E-news had an incorrect link to take students to the FMIGNet page with the new resources for student members

**The CORRECT link for Student Resources is**

<http://fmignet.aafp.org/online/fmig/index.html>

**The first Webinar (on Advocacy) is scheduled for September 18<sup>th</sup>. It is limited to the first 100 medical schools to register.**

Learn more at

<http://chapters.aafp.org/online/etc/medialib/execs/documents/news/july09/advocacy.Par.0001.File.dat/WBEFAdvocacyFlyer.pdf>

### **ATTENTION FMIGs! AAFP funding applications now available online**

*Read the directions carefully, as you must complete several steps in order to qualify for the \$600 funding.* Link to all the information below and more at

<http://fmignet.aafp.org/online/fmig/index/fmig-on-campus/fmigresources/fmigfunding.html>

The AAFP and AAFP Foundation have partnered again to provide crucial financial support to campus-based FMIGs at U.S. allopathic medical schools in order to enhance student interest in family medicine. **Each campus-based FMIG is eligible to receive a \$600 grant in academic year 2009-2010.** To receive the grant, each FMIG must complete the following requirements:

Complete, sign and submit **application** by **December 4, 2009.**

Complete FMIG **activity survey** by **December 4, 2009.**

Complete at least one activity (or presentation) addressing at least one of the following:

1. What is family medicine?
2. Innovations in family medicine
3. Topic from the **web-based educational forum**

Administer **pre-tests** and **post-tests** during your FMIG's chosen activity.

Complete **program evaluation form**

Mail completed test forms, evaluation and application by **December 4, 2009.**

Complete end of year **community service survey** by **May 31, 2010.**

Questions? E-mail **Jennifer Galt** or call (800) 274-2237, ext. 6725.

### ***SAVE the Date! Residents and Students***

#### **IAFP Fall Primary Care Forum – Saturday October 10 in Oak Brook**

**Students:** This is the IAFP's premier annual event to explore primary care, try some hands-on procedures, and visit with dozens of family medicine and pediatrics 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 10<sup>th</sup>

Doubletree Hotel

1909 Spring Road

Oak Brook, IL 60523

630-472-6000

Room rate: \$107 single/double – cut off date is September 24<sup>th</sup>

**Online registration will be available soon!** Interested students and residency programs can contact Crishelle O'Rourke for more information at 630-427-8006 or [corourke@iafp.com](mailto:corourke@iafp.com)

### **News you can use**

#### **Medical Professionals get more time to comply with Illinois Parental Notice of Abortion Act of 1995**

The Department of Financial and Professional Regulation (IDFPR) accepted the recommendations of members of its Medical Disciplinary Board to provide Illinois physicians a 90-day grace period before imposing sanctions included in the Parental Notice of Abortion Act of 1995. After the federal court dissolved the long-standing injunction against implementing the Act,

the law took effect August 4, 2009. The provision of the Act addressed by the members' recommendation would require disciplinary actions against physicians who "willfully" fail to provide notice of a planned procedure.

In the resolution adopted July 31 in an emergency meeting of the Disciplinary Board, the members unanimously recommended that the Director of the Division of Professional Regulation defer disciplinary actions, including fines, reprimands, or other sanctions against physicians and surgeons for 90 days to allow them time to understand their responsibilities, train their staffs, and familiarize themselves with court procedures that would allow young women to seek a waiver of the parental notification requirements.

Read the full release on the State of Illinois website at:

<http://www.illinois.gov/PressReleases/ShowPressRelease.cfm?SubjectID=2&RecNum=7723>

### ***Peak vaccine season is here!***

#### **Buy your Vaccines Less Expensively Through Program**

IAFP partnered with Atlantic Health Partners (AHP) to help members lower their vaccine costs—and the program is working! IAFP members who have joined AHP report very high satisfaction with the program, particularly from the **savings** they have experienced and customer service provided. And the program is free! What do you have to lose?

With the peak vaccination season quickly approaching, we encourage you to contact AHP and give the program a try. This vaccine buying program is available to you at no cost and provides the most favorable pricing for Sanofi Pasteur and Merck vaccines, which you order directly from the manufacturers (as you may already do now).

Atlantic Health Partners is widely recognized as the leading vaccine program in the country and has helped thousands of physicians, including many IAFP members, manage vaccine purchasing more effectively. **Don't delay – contact AHP today** by phone at 800-741-2044 or by e-mail at [info@atlantichhealthpartners.com](mailto:info@atlantichhealthpartners.com).

Read the Aug. 4 AAFP News Now story about managing vaccine costs, with extensive input and advice from former IAFP Board member James Cunnar, MD of Naperville

<http://www.aafp.org/online/en/home/publications/news/news-now/vaccine/20090804vacc-costs.html>

### ***Illinois Health Connect Providers – Most recent newsletter now available***

The July 2009 edition of the Illinois Health Connect/Your Healthcare Plus provider newsletter is posted on the IHC website at <http://www.illinoishealthconnect.com/providernewsletter.aspx>.

### ***AAP – Committee on Infection Diseases Makes Changes to 2009 Red Book***

Find a summary of Major Changes in the 2009 *Red Book*

<http://aapredbook.aappublications.org/cgi/content/full/2009/1/0.4>

### ***New: Red Flags rule Extended to Nov. 1***

To give creditors and financial institutions more time to review this guidance and develop and implement written Identity Theft Prevention Programs, the FTC will further delay enforcement of the Rule until November 1, 2009.

Link to full announcement on FTC site: <http://www.ftc.gov/opa/2009/07/redflag.shtm>

Most physician practices need to be in compliance with requirements of the final rule entitled, "Identity Theft Red Flags and Address Discrepancies Under the Fair and Accurate Credit Transactions Act of 2003."

AAFP members' resource center on Red Flags Rule:

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

### ***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.

Teleconferences are scheduled on

**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\\_2fj2pbRraEB5BcOJ5bx dg\\_3d\\_3d](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=Bf_2fj2pbRraEB5BcOJ5bx dg_3d_3d)

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

Providers can access the link directly by visiting [www.chicagohan.org](http://www.chicagohan.org). Note that providers must click directly on the text "click here" in order to register.

### **Members in the news**

*E-mail Ginnie Flynn at [gflynn@iafp.com](mailto:gflynn@iafp.com) to share your media clips or to request a copy of any items listed below.*

As mentioned in our top story, IAFP President **Javette C. Orgain, MD** joined **US Sen. Dick Durbin** for a press conference Aug 2<sup>nd</sup> calling on Congress to pass meaningful, effective health care reform now. Coverage of that event ran on WGN and WBBM radio, NBC 5 and ABC 7 television in Chicago that day which quoted or paraphrased Dr. Orgain, and identified IAFP as the organization with Sen. Durbin. On Monday Aug. 3 the *Chicago Sun-Times* had a story which widely quoted Dr. Orgain, and the AP ran a short story which was picked up by newspapers across the state. Peoria medical students told IAFP they also saw Dr. Orgain on TV there.

**Dr. Orgain's** Aug. 2<sup>nd</sup> press conference also garnered a sound byte in a Fox 32-TV health care story on the H1N1 Flu virus and the upcoming vaccine that aired that evening at 9pm.

Before appearing with Sen. Durbin on Aug. 2, **Dr. Orgain** was live on the radio with Chicago Dept. of Public Health director Dr. Terry Mason on his weekly WVON-AM talk radio show discussing health care reform. Dr. Orgain made another live appearance on WVON-AM Tuesday Aug. 4<sup>th</sup> to talk health care reform with their morning drive time team of Matt and Perri.

Family Physician **Tracey Kinigakis, MD** authored a guest column in the August 1 *Rockford Register-Star* with patient education about integrated medicine and the roles of conventional and alternative medicine in caring for patients.

IAFP members **Michelle Meeks, MD** and **Tonja Austin, MD** of Crete authored a guest column in the August 4<sup>th</sup> *Southtown Star* with patient education and reminders about school entrance physicals.

Our state Tar Wars poster winner, **Courtney Monier** of Le Roy, also scored more media coverage this week for her 7<sup>th</sup> place honor at the National Tar Wars Poster Contest. Courtney was featured on WEEK-TV on Monday August 3 and also interviewed by talk radio WJBC-AM.

**Oops, we missed one in the last issue! Tony Miksanek, MD** of Benton was quoted in a July 16 article in *Newsweek* titled, "Regina Benjamin's Country Credentials: What Rural Medicine Taught America's Next Top Doc." The article features reactions from physicians - including Miksanek, former U.S. Surgeon General David Satcher, and LSUHSC Family Medicine Chair Kim LeBlanc - to President Obama's nomination of Regina Benjamin as the next Surgeon General of the United States.

## **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](mailto:gflynn@iafp.com) to place your ad or you can download and print a form at <http://www.iafp.com/pdfs/EnewsAd.pdf>

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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](mailto: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](mailto:agoldberg@chealthctr.org). We look forward to hearing from you to further discuss this opportunity.

## **Repeat Items**

### **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 [vkeen@iafp.com](mailto:vkeen@iafp.com). Questions about board positions may also be directed to Vince.

### **Health Care Night at the White Sox Game**

If you were unable to attend the Tar Wars White Sox game on July 8<sup>th</sup>, 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/sepsoc.pdf>.

### **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>

### **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>

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](mailto:Stan.Tylman@illinois.gov) or call 217-524-9074.

### **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.

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](mailto:jpinkwater@illinoisaaap.com) or 312/733-1026 ext 213.

## **FAQs for billing and copayments for Medicaid patients**

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".

## ***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](mailto: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.

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](mailto:lboress@mbgh.org).

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