



e-News for July 10, 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!

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 a registration to follow soon

Highlights include

- Eight (8) hours of CME over two days
- All-Member Assembly and election of a new board of directors
- Awards banquet to honor FP of the Year and FM Teacher of the Year
- Wine Tasting Foundation Fundraiser

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. Questions about board positions may also be directed to Vince.

Change in delegation to AAFP Congress

Tim J. Vega, M.D., notified the IAFP of his resignation as AAFP Delegate on July 1, 2009. IAFP thanks Dr. Vega for his many years of service to IAFP. Dr. Vega is an IAFP past president and had served as Alternate Delegate, too.

Michael P. Temporal, M.D., now rises from the Alternate Delegate position to fill the unexpired term of Delegate (until December 5, 2009). Dr. Temporal's move to Delegate left the position of Alternate Delegate open.

The IAFP executive committee met July 6 to fill the unexpired term (through December 5, 2009) of the Alternate Delegate, so that IAFP would have a full delegation to represent us at the AAFP Congress of Delegates in Boston, October 11-14.

Javette Orgain, M.D. (IAFP president) was selected to fill the unexpired term of Alternate Delegate (through December 5, 2009). The other members of the IAFP delegation are: Ellen Brull, M.D., delegate and Kathleen Miller, M.D., alternate delegate.

IAFP Past President to run for AAFP Commission Chair

The Executive committee is nominating Ellen Brull, MD of Glenview, who has served the past three years on the AAFP Commission for Governmental Advocacy, for chair of that commission for 2010. Appointments will be announced at the AAFP Congress of Delegates in October.

July/August *Illinois Family Physician* now online

The latest issue of the IAFP's bi-monthly newsletter is now available on the IAFP web site. Download it now for all this vital Academy information:

- Full coverage of the IAFP's May trip to Washington, DC where Illinois FPs advocated for meaningful health care reform that will benefit the family physicians of today and tomorrow.
- Information on the IAFP 2009 annual meeting and the call for nominations for our board of directors.
- An article on the National Procedures Institute and how you can benefit from adding more procedures to your practice.
- Meet your Family Health Foundation Board of Directors
- And much more!

Download the issue here: <http://www.iafp.com/newsletter/FP/JulyAugust09.pdf>

State Government Relations

Budget Impasse Continues

On Tuesday July 7th, Governor Pat Quinn vetoed the budget bills and declared that the General Assembly would have to work with him to find appropriate cuts and revenues to close the budget gap. The Illinois General Assembly will return to Springfield on Tuesday July 14 to again address the state budget. As of this writing, the state is still without a budget, and the new fiscal year began July 1. Unless a new budget is approved and enacted the state may be unable to process payments to employees and contractors. According to a July 7 ABC News story, Illinois budget crisis is the fourth-worst in the nation, landing us on an unfavorable "top-ten list." The \$9.2 billion shortfall represents over a third of the state's operating budget. California has the dubious distinction as the #1 "poor" state, with a deficit totaling 58 percent of their budget.

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 have 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. 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.

Access to PIL will allow you to see all the controlled substances (Schedule II, III, IV and V) that have been filled in Illinois by your patient. All inquiries to the PIL are logged and audited for security purposes. Plans are to develop interstate agreements that would allow you to see controlled substances that your patient has filled in other states, which would be especially helpful in Illinois communities near state borders.

Through June 2009, about 7400 of Illinois' 70,000 potential users of PIL are already signed on. The online program began in January 2008.

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.

Federal Government Relations

FPs show up and speak up at Physician Roundtable on Health Care Reform

Family medicine was well represented and well-spoken at a roundtable discussion on health care reform hosted by US Rep. Peter Roskam (R-6th) on July 1 in Addison. FPs in attendance included IAFP board member Carrie Nelson, MD; Tom Cornwell, MD two former IAFP Family Physicians of the Year (Calvin Fischer, DO and John Sage, MD), Chinni Pulluru, MD; Rashmi Chugh, MD; former IAFP board member, Mark Collins, MD; Anita Balodis, MD; Rosemary McHugh, MD; Dan Floury, MD (CEO of Elmhurst clinic and formerly practicing FP) and others who identified themselves as FPs

The repeated theme from nearly all docs – is that liability must be part of the package. Not simply caps – but peer-review, eliminating frivolous claims and caps on attorney's fees beyond costs of the case.

Several docs stressed improving training funding, claiming fewer people will be willing to sacrifice 7-12 years of their life (medical school and residency) for this horrible system. Also, not enough physicians will choose certain needed specialties (primary care, surgery) if the liability and paperwork climate doesn't change.

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

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

NEW: 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.

[More](#)

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

<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 House Health Reform Proposal, June 25, 2009

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

AAFP, ACP and AOS statement on primary care health care reform, June 18, 2009

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

AAFP response to President Obama presentation to AMA, June 15, 2009

<http://www.aafp.org/online/en/home/media/releases/newsreleases-statements-2009/obama-speech-americanmedicalassociation.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, such as those put forth by the New America Foundation, a think tank based in Washington. 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

July 22 – Egyptian Chapter meeting

Tee off with family medicine

IAFP Egyptian Chapter golf outing

Wednesday, July 22, 2009

Franklin County Country Club in West Frankfort

Tee off at 1:30 p.m. Scramble format.

Check in at 1:00 p.m.

6:00 p.m. Dinner and guest speaker Lori Guyton, MD,

Topic: Treating patients with Parkinson's Disease

Register by e-mailing Kate Valentine at kvalentine@iafp.com or call 630-427-8000

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 2009 -Aug 7 2009	ECG Interpretation	Chicago, IL \$ 825
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Aug 6 2009 -Aug 7 2009	Sclerotherapy	Chicago, IL \$ 925
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Aug 6 2009 -Aug 7 2009	EGD (Gastroscopy) with TNE	Chicago, IL \$ 1000
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Aug 8 2009 -Aug 9 2009	Sleep Disorders	Chicago, IL \$ 1000
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Aug 8 2009 -Aug 9 2009 Stress ECG Testing Chicago, IL \$ 950

Aug 8 2009 -Aug 9 2009 Colonoscopy Chicago, IL \$ 1275

Aug 8 2009 -Aug 10 2009 Colonoscopy and Advanced Colonoscopy - Value Package Chicago, IL \$ 2075

Aug 10 2009 -Aug 10 2009 Colonoscopy, Advanced Chicago, IL \$ 1000

Save the Date: Risk Management seminar

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

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

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.



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=oaafp&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

NOTICE: The Family Health Foundation of Illinois Board of Directors will meet via conference call on Monday July 20th at 8:30pm.

Tar Wars Night with the White Sox is big hit with IAFP

Thanks to the 200 friends and fans of family medicine who gathered for the 5th annual Tar Wars Night with the White Sox on July 8th. We sat through some sprinkles for the first few innings on an usually cool July night. But the Sox came through with a thrilling 5-1 victory over the Cleveland Indians and the Sox capped the night off with a fantastic fireworks display! Special thanks to the following three IAFP members who brought in the most fans: Ravi Shah, MD; Patrick Tranmer, MD and Deborah Midgely, MD. The event raised over \$2,200 for the Illinois Tar Wars Program.



Matthew Johnson, MD of Park Forest and daughter, Fauzia, enjoy the game

AAFP Foundation Dues Check-Off Campaign

Support good work at both the state and national levels. When you make a \$50 Check-Off donation with your membership dues payment, you help your state chapter and AAFP Foundation at the same time.

Your dollars will fund grants for chapter-level programs through the *Family Medicine Philanthropic Consortium* (FMPC), as well as AAFP Foundation humanitarian, educational, and research initiatives. All programs are designed to advance the values of Family Medicine and improve the health of all people.

So remember to check the box, when you receive your membership dues statement. *And don't forget your contribution is tax-deductible.*

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

News you can use

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/sepsox.pdf>.

Illinois DocAssist Program seeks FPs for Advisory Committee

Illinois DocAssist is seeking diverse professionals from the pediatric, primary care, mental health, behavioral health and substance abuse care fields to participate on the Illinois DocAssist Advisory Committee. Illinois DocAssist's mission is to improve the ability of primary care providers, nurses, nurse practitioners, social workers and other clinicians to screen, diagnose and treat the mental health and substance use problems of children and youth (up to age 21).

These individuals will collaborate in the development and implementation of the Illinois DocAssist program. Advisory Committee members provide advice and counsel to the Illinois DocAssist team members and provide access to resources that will positively affect the program's mission,

services, and outcomes. In return for their service, Advisory Committee members will receive a \$750 stipend as well as a \$300 honorarium for each completed speaking engagement on behalf of Illinois DocAssist.

If you are interested in serving on the Illinois DocAssist Advisory Committee, please contact Michele Shade, Project Coordinator, Illinois DocAssist Program, at mshade@psych.uic.edu for an application, which is due July 15. Learn more about DocAssist on their website at www.psych.uic.edu/docassist.

Invitation from the Illinois Public Health Institute

In partnership with: Cross-Cultural Interpreting Services of Heartland Alliance
Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine, Department of Family and Community Medicine and the Illinois Nurses Association

“Addressing Health Disparities Through Greater Cultural and Linguistic Competence in Healthcare Environments”

Thursday, July 30, 2009

9:00AM – 4:00PM

Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine

303 East Superior Street, 1st Floor Baldwin Auditorium

Keynote Speaker: Hugo Alvarez, MD, Access Community Health
Concurrent workshops on interpretation services and cultural competency

Registration fee is \$15.00 for all attendees.

For questions or other registration needs, please contact Kathy Tipton at the Illinois Public Health Institute (312) 850-4744, ext. 13 or kathy.tipton@iphionline.org

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.

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.

James Bull, MD, IAFP member and a delegate to the AMA from the Illinois State Medical Society, was quoted in *American Medical News* June 29 annual meeting recap issue in an article outlining the debate surrounding the proposal of a public health insurance option.

Arvind Goyal, MD and **Carolyn Lopez, MD** were both quoted in that same issue of AM News in an article celebrating the passage of the new federal law providing the FDA with the authority to regulate tobacco products.

Bernard O'Malley, MD has been nominated to the Boone County Board according to a July 1 *Rockford Register-Star* article.

A July 8 *Suburban Life* (22 suburban newspapers) recaps a story in which a local school principal and nurse overruled the medical judgment of IAFP member Luis Osorio, MD. Dr. Osorio concluded a student did not have symptoms that warranted H1N1 flu testing. The school insisted that the student get tested before being allowed back to school. The test came up negative and the family is now saddled with a \$2,000 hospital bill not covered by their insurance.

President **Javette Orgain, MD** provides the "Guest Opinion" in this week's *AAFP News Now* about the IAFP board of directors' experience at the May AAFP Family Medicine Congressional Conference and their outstanding series of meetings on Capitol Hill.

Click here to see it. -- http://www.aafp.org/online/en/home/publications/news/news-now/opinion/20090708gst-opin-illafp.mem.html?aafpvlogin=0044077&aafpvpw=&URL_success=http://www.aafp.org/online/en/home/publications/news/news-now/opinion/20090708gst-opin-illafp.mem.html

IAFP members **Debra Stulberg, MD** and **Mandy Gittler, MD** collaborated to launch the Midwest Access Project to increase the provision of full-spectrum reproductive health care in the region, by educating and training health care providers to ultimately reduce barriers to access to reproductive health care services. Learn more at www.midwestaccessproject.org.

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. 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.
2. 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.
3. 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.
4. 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](#)

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

Sam's Club offers E.H.R. package to Illinois Physicians

If you have purchased the Sam's Club E.H.R., we want to hear from you. Contact Vince Keenan at vkeenan@iafp.com to tell us about your experience.

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

Thursday, September 24, 2009

Hyatt Regency McCormick Place, 2233 South Martin Luther King Dr.

Chicago, IL

800AM - 5:00PM Free

To register or for more information, call (toll-free) 866-AFA-8484.

Important Vaccine Program Reminder

IAFP has partnered with Atlantic Health Partners (AHP) to help members lower their vaccine costs. IAFP members who have joined AHP report very high satisfaction with the program, particularly from the savings and customer service. And the service is free! With the peak vaccination season quickly approaching, we encourage you to contact AHP. The 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 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.

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