



## e-News for June 11, 2010

### Academy News



**Come to our first-ever Medical Home CME Event!**  
**Register online now at [www.iafp.com](http://www.iafp.com)**

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

***Earn over 8 CME Credits at this day-and-a-half event!***  
**Group discounts are also available (save \$50 on every additional registration).**

**This activity, Nuts and Bolts of the Patient-Centered Medical Home, with a beginning date of June 25, 2010, has been reviewed and is acceptable for up to 8.25 Prescribed credits by the American Academy of Family Physicians.**

#### **20 Breakout sessions offered over two days, including:**

- e-Prescribing
- Implementing same day appointment scheduling
- Group visits
- Meaningful use of E.H.R. in Medicare and Medicaid programs

#### **PLUS**

- Reception with keynote address from Illinois Dept. of Insurance Director Michael T. McRaith
- Learning Lab assistance from Illinois Health Connect, Your Healthcare Plus and Illinois Medicaid
- EMR User Group breakfast discussions featuring some of the most commonly used electronic medical records systems.

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### **IAFP Award nominations – deadline is June 30**

**Surely you know an outstanding IAFP member who deserves recognition!**

Just complete the appropriate nomination form and **include a short 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>



## Take me out to the ball game!

The annual Foundation fundraiser White Sox game is **Thursday, July 29<sup>th</sup>** at 7pm vs. the Seattle Mariners. 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 28<sup>th</sup>**!

**ProAssurance Professional Liability Group Medical Assurance invites IAFP Sox fans to join them at the Bullpen Bar before the game starting at 5:30 p.m.**

The Bullpen Bar is located behind Right Field near Gate 2

For more information <http://www.iafp.com/ProAssurance.pdf> or to RSVP, please contact:

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## Federal Government Relations

### **AAFP only supports a permanent fix Medicare payment plan**

The CMS hold on Medicare claims filed since June 1 expires on June 14. Without Congressional action, the 21.3 percent cut will proceed and physicians will see the effect.

See the IAFP letter to the editor in Members in the News that ran in several Illinois newspapers this week. Essentially, it all boils down to

*The Illinois Academy of Family Physicians will only support the following:*

1. *Permanently repeal and replace the Sustainable Growth Rate (SGR) formula*
2. *A temporary patch that runs until at least December 31, 2012, to allow longer stability while working on a permanent solution acceptable to physicians*
3. *Any temporary patch must include a positive increase specifically for primary care services.*

Link to the IAFP statement at [www.iafp.com/medicare.pdf](http://www.iafp.com/medicare.pdf)

Link to AAFP statement at

<http://www.aafp.org/online/en/home/media/releases/2010b/congressional-indecision.html>.

### **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>

## State Government Relations

## **Rep. Joyce announces he won't run in November**

Democrat incumbent Kevin Joyce (D-35) made the surprise announcement on June 9 that he will not run in November's general election. The Republican nominee for that district is IAFP member **Barbara Bellar, MD** of Burr Ridge. A successor to Joyce as the Democrat on the ballot has not yet been named.

Joyce has been a member of the Illinois House since 2003, in a district that encompasses a broad swath of the Southland, including Chicago's 19th Ward, Oak Lawn, Palos Hills and part of Orland Park. The district also includes Alsip, Chicago Ridge, Palos Heights, Palos Park, Merrionette Park, Worth and portions of Burr Ridge and Willow Springs.

## **CME Information**

### **Free CME Webinar 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.

- July 14: Nutrition and Digestive Health 6:00 p.m. ET. The live webinar will be recorded for enduring credit. To learn more and enroll, go to [www.aafp.org/webinars/nutrition](http://www.aafp.org/webinars/nutrition).

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

### **Radon Risk and Your Patients: Half day workshop in Springfield Sept. 25 3.5 AMA Category1 CME credits**

Do you know that radon is the leading cause of lung cancer among non-smokers? This conference is a chance to learn more about radon and how to communicate the risk to your patients. Sponsored by the Illinois Emergency Management Agency, SIU School of Medicine Simmons Cancer Institute at SIU, American Lung Association in Illinois, SIUE School of Nursing and Illinois Environmental Health Association is offering a half day medical conference titled, *Radon Risk & Your Patients* at the Simmons Cancer Institute at SIU School of Medicine.

Link to more information and a registration form at

<http://www.siumed.edu/cme/pdf/Radon92410.pdf>

Questions? Contact Cindy Ladage at 217-785-9889 or [cindy.ladage@illinois.gov](mailto:cindy.ladage@illinois.gov)



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### **Pri-Med Midwest - October 13-16, 2010**

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## **News You Can Use and Upcoming Events**

### **AAFP Webinar: *Thinking about selling your practice to a hospital?***

**June 24<sup>th</sup> at 1pm**

Physicians are being targeted more and more everyday by hospitals to sell their business and physicians should think about the business, professional and personal implications before saying "yes." Attend this webinar to learn more about the opportunities and challenges associated with selling your practice to a hospital and what physicians should think about before moving down that path.

By attending this webinar you will learn more about...

- 1) The business considerations involved in selling your practice to a hospital
- 2) Whether it is in your best interest to sell your practice and be employed by a hospital or if it's better to enter into a business affiliation agreement with a hospital
- 3) The professional and personal considerations you should evaluate which will assure that the resulting practice relationship is balanced, fair, sustainable and provides you with the professional lifestyle you seek.
- 4) Opportunities around Accountable Care Organizations (ACOs) and how practices might participate without selling

LIVE Q and A at the end. Register for webinar at <https://transformed.ilinc.com/register/cyvzzrf>

### **What every medical assistant should know about pediatric vaccines**

On Friday, June 25, 2010, the Illinois Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics will offer a FREE educational seminar for medical assistants and other office personnel on the issues these practice staff encounter on a daily basis related to immunizations. The seminar will be held from 10am to 4pm at Northwestern College in Bridgeview at 7725 South Harlem. This program will review the current immunization schedule and immunization updates in 2010, vaccine storage and handling, vaccine administration skills and techniques, professionalism in the workplace and health risk communication regarding vaccine safety. To register go to <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/icaapmimmunizationtraining>. For questions, contact Jeanine Solinski at 312/733-1026, ext 206 or [jsolinski@illinoisAAP.com](mailto:jsolinski@illinoisAAP.com).

## **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.*

**Like you, IAFP is fed up with Congress and the SGR mess.** A strong letter to the editor from IAFP President **Patrick Tranmer, MD** appeared in the June 8 Suburban Chicago Newspapers (such as the *Lisle Sun* and *Naperville Sun*) and June 9 issues of the Sauk Valley Newspapers and the *Chicago Defender*.

The text of that letter:

The Memorial Day break is over and it's time for Congress to immediately fix the 21.3 percent cut in Medicare payments to physicians that took effect June 1. While the Senate enjoys time away from Capitol Hill, family physicians are once again agonizing over the looming financially disastrous reduction in revenue. Medicare physicians are currently paying 2010 rates for staff salaries, rent, utilities, supplies and technology, but must accept payment equivalent to 2001 rates. Tack on another 21 percent cut in their revenues and it's easy to see how many more doctors will have to drop Medicare and TRICARE from their practices. The U.S. House passed yet another short-term patch until December 2011, but physicians agree this proposal is not enough.

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4. Permanently repeal and replace the Sustainable Growth Rate (SGR) formula
5. A temporary patch that runs until at least December 31, 2012, to allow longer stability while working on a permanent solution acceptable to physicians
6. Any temporary patch must include a positive increase specifically for primary care services.

The family physician community no longer will accept short-sighted fixes with broken promises for fundamental change down the road. We have waited long enough and made our case to Congress too many times. Our physicians have lost faith in our lawmakers and the lawmaking process. The current 21 percent cut must be addressed by June 10<sup>th</sup>. The U.S. Senate must pass a proposal that meets our criteria, and then the House must immediately concur. Every Illinois member of Congress needs to support fixing Medicare for good. It's the only way to ensure family physicians and all doctors who care for our seniors and military families can continue to provide this critical service to those who need it most.

**Anthony Leazzo, MD** of Naperville authored a guest column in the June 9<sup>th</sup> issues of the *TribLocal* in Wheaton and Aurora answering the ongoing question that child vaccines are safe and that AAFP and AAP recommend that children get all recommended vaccines.

IAFP executive vice president **Vince Keenan, CAE** is quoted in an extensive *Illinois Issues* cover story examining the federal Health Care Reform legislation and the impact on various sectors in Illinois.

**Jill Carnahan, MD** of Peoria was a lead source in an article about the effect of food choices on mood and mental health. The story originally appeared in the *Peoria Journal-Star*, and then ran in 15 more papers across central and southern Illinois.

**Jennifer Kurka, DO** of Oswego in a Sun-Times News Group story about gluten allergies and the relationship to celiac disease in a patient education article about food allergies on June 2.

IAFP second vice president **Carrie Nelson, MD** is back to blogging on ChicagoNow! as one of the "The Doctors Next Door." This week she blogged about her first personal experience with acupuncture - as the patient, not the provider! Dr. Carrie's latest blog entry <http://www.chicagonow.com/blogs/doctors-next-door/2010/06/does-acupuncture-really-work.html>

**In Memoriam:** IAFP 2004 Distinguished Service Award honoree Roy T. Rapp, MD passed away on May 30<sup>th</sup> at his home in Quincy. He was 92. He was born in Quincy in 1917 and returned home in 1954 and opened the Rapp Clinic after practicing in West Virginia and Kentucky. His office remained a fixture in the community until his retirement in July 2009. Link to more information at <http://www.whig.com/Obituaries/> and search Rapp.

## [Repeat Items](#)

## **White paper on Personal Health Records available for download**

A Community View: How Personal Health Records Can Improve Patient Care and Outcomes in Many Healthcare Settings, has been published and is available in an electronic and paper format.

The e-book is available by download at the NIU Regional Development Institute website <http://www.niu.edu/rdi/healthcarepolicy/index.shtml> and soon will be available on the NIPFC website. If you are interested in ordering a hard copy of the book, you may print the order form from the NIU website and mail it to the publisher, Northern Illinois University Regional Development Institute. You are free to post the e-book on your personal website, copy, distribute and transmit the PDF version of the e-book as long as you attribute the complete work. When referencing specific chapters within the book, please give attribution to all the authors who contributed to the chapter you are referencing.