



e-News for March 19, 2010

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ILLINOIS FAMILY MEDICINE 2010 MATCH RESULTS

Match results for Illinois family medicine brought mixed news for our residency programs. According to NRMP, Illinois Family Medicine Residency Programs filled 88.7 percent (134/151) of available positions, which was the second-highest fill rate for the East North Central region, behind Indiana. However, our region fared worst among the nation's regions with the lowest fill rate of 83.4 percent (401/481). Illinois offered more positions this year (151 compared to 137 in 2009), which contributed to the lower NRMP rate. However, individual conversations with Illinois family medicine residency program directors reveal that many programs also signed residents outside the NRMP process and have filled their positions as of this writing.

Preliminary information available from the 2010 National Resident Matching Program (NRMP) indicates that for U.S. family medicine residency programs 2,404 positions filled out of 2,630 positions offered (91.4%).

One hundred one more U.S. seniors (1,184 vs. 1,083) chose family medicine in 2010 compared with 2009. More U.S. seniors participated in NRMP in 2010 compared with 2009 (16,070 vs. 15,638), with a resulting increase (7.9% vs. 7.4%) in the percentage of U.S. seniors who chose family medicine. The number of U.S. seniors matching into family medicine is higher than the preceding five years.

Link to results, charts and analysis at the AAFP web site's Match section at <http://www.aafp.org/online/en/home/residents/match.html>

Residency program results by region and state:
<http://www.aafp.org/online/en/home/residents/match/fillrate.html>



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- Session on medical homes and children with special needs from ICAAP
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- Exhibitors with "meaningful use" products and services for your practice

- Hear from panels of primary care practices that reflect your situation and needs. Get answers to your questions about the PCMH model and the road to get there.

This conference is targeted to primary care physicians and their leadership team interested in implementing the medical home. Bring your office manager, practice partners, whoever is vital to your transformation team! **Group discounts are available and early bird registration (save \$50) runs through May 31.**

Spring into Action 2010 – REGISTER NOW!

April 13, 14, or 15

Link to online registration at <http://quest.cvent.com/i.aspx?5S%2cM3%2cdd96ab6a-6980-4989-b442-441a2fc2ab15> (4 prescribed CME credits)

Now is the time to represent your specialty and your patients. Set aside one day on your calendar, and Spring into Action with us. You will be home in time for dinner!

The state is facing record-breaking debt, and YES there is still reason for family physicians to engage in the political process. There are bills requiring bicycle helmets for kids to support and bills calling for expanded scope for nurse practitioners to oppose. IAFP members will continue to educate legislators and policymakers about the benefits of a patient-centered medical home. Questions? Contact Gordana Krkic at gkrkic@iafp.com or call 630-427-8007.

Deadline approaching for nominations: vacant class of 2011 Board seat

Dr. Tim Morthland was elected to the board in December 2008 to serve until December 2011. Due to personal reasons, Dr. Morthland resigned in January 2010.

The IAFP Leadership Development Task Force is accepting nominations to fill this board vacancy **until March 26**. The Task Force will meet April 14 to review candidates and forward a rank ordered list to the IAFP board. The IAFP board will meet on April 30 and will choose a successor.

According to current bylaws, the member who fills this vacancy would not be eligible to serve another three-year term, unless they sit out for a year. Those interested in the vacant board position, please submit your resume and a letter of interest to Vince Keenan, EVP, vkeenan@iafp.com or fax 630-435-0433 by 5:00 p.m. March 26.

Not ready for the Board? Join a committee!

All these committees are currently working and can use your input. Give one a test run. Contact Vince Keenan at vkeenan@iafp.com to get highlights and attend the next meeting of the committee that interests you.

Committee or Group	Chair
AAFP Resolutions Task Force	Margaret Kirkegaard, MD
CME Committee	Christine Mueller, MD
E H R and Connectivity Committee	Dennon Davis, MD
FM Educators Interest Group	Judith Gravidal, MD
Government Relations	Carolyn Lopez, MD
Membership/Member Services	Chinni Pulluru, MD
PCMH Committee	Mayank Shah, MD
Private Sector Advocacy Committee	Matthew Johnson, MD
Public Health Committee	Rashmi Chugh, MD
Public Relations Task Force	Kristin Drynan, MD

Download and return a committee sign-up from at <http://www.iafp.com/about/CommitteeSignup2010.pdf>

Federal Government Relations

Health Care Reform vote scheduled for Sunday

The President and Democratic leaders have pulled out all the stops in a public and private push to gain enough Democrats to pass their health care reform bill without any Republican votes. Meanwhile the AAFP and IAFP continue to urge Representatives to pass the reforms and enable the nation to begin the long work of fixing our collapsing health care system. IAFP president Patrick Tranmer, MD sent letters to the editor to local newspapers on Wednesday specifically urging Illinois Democrats who have not publicly committed their support (Bean, Costello, Foster, Gutierrez, Halvorson, and Lipinski) to vote in favor of the bill.

Thursday afternoon update from AAFP

The language for the reconciliation bill to accompany the Senate health reform bill has been released. The Congressional Budget Office estimates that the legislation will cost about \$940 billion over ten years and since the tax provisions, system savings and offsetting reductions in other spending will reduce the federal deficit by more than \$135 billion during that period.

The Rules Committee is slated to meet Saturday afternoon and a final vote on the floor is scheduled for Sunday afternoon.

The only provision that seems to directly affect primary care is the one that would require that Medicaid payments for "primary care services" must be at least the same as those for Medicare for primary care physicians. Unfortunately, this would not happen until 2013 and 2014. The only ones who are qualified are physicians "with a primary specialty designation of family medicine, general internal medicine, or pediatric medicine..." And the term "primary care services" means: "evaluation and management services that are procedure codes ..., services related to immunization administration for vaccines and toxoids for which CPT codes 90465, 90466, 90467, 90468, 90471, 90472, 90473 or 90474 apply..." The federal government pays 100 percent of the additional cost of increasing these payments to primary care physicians.

In addition, the reconciliation bill provides a one-time rebate of \$250 this year for beneficiaries who have reached to Medicare Part D "Donut Hole" coverage gap. By 2020, the bill closes the gap so that coinsurance will be 25 percent for all drug spending in excess of the deductible and below the catastrophic limit.

Meanwhile the House of Representatives kicked the Medicare SGR can down the road another month passing yet another one month pass, delaying the 21.2% cut to the end of April.

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

SpeakOut! letter posted 3/1/10

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

State Government Relations

Join us for Spring into Action - April 13, 14, or 15

Link to online registration at <http://guest.cvent.com/i.aspx?5S%2cM3%2cdd96ab6a-6980-4989-b442-441a2fc2ab15>

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Governor's Budget Address: Governor Quinn presented his budget March 10th before a joint session of the House and Senate. Details on every plan were lacking as were specific recommendations on revenue enhancements, except for a suggested one percent income tax surcharge for education, which was not built into his actual budget. Senate President Cullerton, however, suggested that this budget would proceed without a tax increase and most likely without Republican support

Spring Session: Both House and Senate Committee deadlines have passed. Most bills are on third reading in their respective chamber or being amended on the floor before proceeding to final reading. Third reading deadline in the Senate is today, March 19th and next Friday, March 26th in the House. Both chambers are on Spring Break March 27 – April 12. They are still scheduled to adjourn by May 7th.

New this week

Public Act 96-0886 moves the Primary Election (held in even numbered years) from the 1st Tuesday in February to the 3rd Tuesday in March. Hopefully we'll be able vote without snow boots in 2012!

Reminders:

The Medical Practice Act is up for renewal this year but the Senate bill (SB 3519) was placed in Subcommittee and will remain on our radar until it 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.

Two bills were passed out of committees that address tobacco prevention: the cigarette tax and a ban on electronic cigarettes (view both fact sheets at <http://www.iafp.com/legislative/tobaccotaxes.pdf> and <http://www.iafp.com/legislative/SB3174e-cigarettes.pdf>).

IAFP has also partnered with the IL Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics and passed a bicycle helmet law out of committee in the Senate (SB 2627), the House bill (HB 6114) was held in committee (Link to fact sheet at <http://www.iafp.com/legislative/BikeHelmets.pdf>) Although these bills have passed the first hurdle to passage, they may be amended and opposed on the floor.

CME Information

Home Care & Palliative Care Conference

*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

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

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.

- April 15: Nutrition and Weight Management
- 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.



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Live event and teleconference on Asthma and ED use

Illinois Emergency Department Asthma Surveillance Project (IEDASP) and Your Healthcare Plus Collaboration

Location: Rush University College of Nursing - 600 S. Paulina, Suite 1080N

Date: Monday, March 29th

Time: 12:00 noon CT

Dial-up Number: 1-800-944-8766

Participant Code: 71324

This event will provide an overview of the IEDASP, an IDPH-funded initiative. IEDASP is an emergency department (ED) web-based surveillance system that provides a picture of the state of asthma burden and care in the period prior to coming to the ED. This includes measurements of severity and control and care received in the prior period. It also provides a picture from the ED of assessment, care and discharge procedures and medications.

This allows for measuring changes over time in relation to interventions, changes in care practices and possible insights into the epidemiology of the disease.

Facilitated by: Cathy Catrambone, PhD, RN

Assistant Professor, Adult Health and Gerontological Nursing Rush University College of Nursing
Phone: 312-942-3231

Attention Central and Southern IL - Illinois Health Connect Referral program begins April 1

The final region of Illinois Health Connect's primary care physician referral system begins in a few weeks. Phase I requires IHC patients to see their own IHC primary care provider (PCP), or a provider or clinic affiliated with their PCP. PCPs seeing IHC patients who are not enrolled on their panel, or on an affiliated PCP's panel, on the date of service, must obtain a referral from the patient's PCP in order to be reimbursed by HFS for services provided. PCPs will be able to submit referrals for their IHC patients to see other IHC PCPs through the IHC Provider Portal via the secure HFS MEDI system, and directly with IHC via fax, or by calling IHC. **Specialists will not require a referral in Phase I.**

Regional implementation is based on the address providers have registered with the HFS Provider Participation Unit (PPU). The PPU-registered address may be different than the clinical address where providers see patients. However, providers need to be aware claims will be processed according to the PPU-registered address/Region.

View a short video that explains the Illinois Health Connect Referral Program. Illinois Health Connect worked with the Illinois Academy of Family Physicians to produce a seven minute video for PCPs to provide an overview of the referral program and the related policies. [Click here to view the video](#) Providers with questions should contact the Illinois Health Connect Provider Helpline at 877-912-1999.

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>

SIMA forum on April 11th to address hot topics

Southern Illinois Medical Association invites physicians to a statewide discussion with fellow doctors from Springfield to Anna and Belleville to Olney.

"What Is It Going To Take To Keep Us In Business?"
or *"Who Moved My Cheese?"*

Strategic Planning lead by Lewis Bender, PhD Professor Emeritus
Southern Illinois University Edwardsville, Public Policy/Administration

"Where Do We Go After The Illinois Supreme Court Ruling On Caps?"

Lead by Illinois State Senator David Luechtefeld

Rendezvous at Four Points by Sheraton
319 Fountains Parkway in Fairview Heights
Sunday, April 11th, 2010 from 1:30 - 4:30pm

RSVP immediately to soillmedassc@verizon.net or Fax to (618) 833-9354

Seating Limited to 180. For questions please call SIMA at (618) 833-9355

UnitedHealthcare News

Effective June 7, 2010, UnitedHealthcare will require all participating physicians to obtain a prior-authorization when ordering select advanced imaging procedures rendered to Medicare Advantage members. All states except for CT, ID, NE, NJ, RI, OR & WA and Florida (with effective date of March 1, 2010) will be subject to the new radiology protocols. Learn more about the "[Radiology Notification & Authorization Program](https://www.unitedhealthcareonline.com/b2c/CmaAction.do?channelId=71a436d4b6e32110VgnVCM100000c520720a)" at <https://www.unitedhealthcareonline.com/b2c/CmaAction.do?channelId=71a436d4b6e32110VgnVCM100000c520720a>

Members in the news

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

IAFP board member **Chinni Pulluru, MD** of Naperville provided patient education in an NBC5 News at 10 story on March 12. A bacteria outbreak tied to a Lombard Subway restaurant caused dozens of people to become ill.

Bob Farmer, MD of New Baden authored a March 15 Op-Ed in the *Belleville News-Democrat* outlining how defensive medicine in the fear of lawsuits has drastically driven increases in our nation's health care costs.

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>

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.

Carrie Hackett, Managing Partner
Grant Cooper & Associates
Hackett@grantcooper.com
314-726-5291 ext 140

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Contact: Dominika Szopinska, B.S. HCM M.S. HCA - Office Manager. Cell 847-894-4591 or e-mail dszopinska@hotmail.com

Chicago-The John H. Stroger, Jr. Hospital of Cook County/Malcolm X College Physician Assistant program is looking to fill a full-time or part-time position for Faculty to teach the incoming class of 26 physician assistant students. Classes are held at Malcolm X College. The JSH/MXC PA program has had a long history of providing training for disadvantaged students who upon graduation go out and provide services for medically underserved communities. Contact the Program Director, Kathleen Deans, for more information at 312-850-3532 or kdeans@ccc.edu.

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