



e-News for November 25, 2009

Happy Thanksgiving!

***IAFP wishes you a wonderful, healthy and happy Thanksgiving!
Just a few quick reminders and updates for you to digest this weekend!***

IAFP Annual Meeting

Friday-Saturday December 4-5, 2009 at the Oak Brook Marriott Hotel

Register Online at www.iafp.com

Hotel Reservations – call 630-573-8555

Join us for your Illinois Academy of Family Physicians Annual Meeting. We have CME programs lined up for Friday afternoon and Saturday morning, plus a Saturday session on the Patient Centered Medical Home. We will cap off our Friday with a **Wine Reception event/fundraiser for the Family Health Foundation of Illinois**. The Academy's **All-Member Assembly** will convene on Saturday afternoon, where any member may bring issues or concerns to the IAFP Board of Directors.

Saturday evening concludes with a wonderful awards banquet and dinner where we will honor the 2009 Family Physician of the Year and Family Medicine Teacher of the Year, among others.

The dinner is free for all IAFP members, but advanced registration is required!

2009 Family Physician of the Year – *Risha Raven, MD of Polo*

2009 Family Medicine Teacher of the Year – *Kelvin Wynn, MD of Peoria*

(You can read more about both of them in the Nov./Dec. Issue of *Illinois Family Physician* at <http://www.iafp.com/newsletter/FP/NovDec09.pdf>)



AAFP Live! is local, free CME delivering the latest science—from the leading experts—on the topics most relevant to you. This year's topic for a half-day course: **Diabetes and Cardiovascular Disease**. *AAFP Live!* Registration is free, but space is limited. Register at www.aafplive.org.

Federal Government Relations- Health Care Reform

Health Reform bill clears first hurdle in U.S. Senate

On Saturday, Nov. 21, the minimum required 60 senators voted to move HR 3590

(<http://democrats.senate.gov/reform/patient-protection-affordable-care-act.pdf>) forward for

consideration before the Senate, ending the possibility of a Republican filibuster. The bill faces the possibility of hundreds of amendments when debate begins after the Thanksgiving holiday, leading up to a potential full Senate vote before the end of the year. Should the Senate pass a bill, and then a conference committee would be appointed with members from the House and Senate to reconcile the differences between the House and Senate versions to send forth for President Obama's signature.

House passes SGR Fix

The House also passed H.R. 3961, the [Medicare Physician Payment Reform Act](http://docs.house.gov/rules/health/111_sgr1.pdf) (http://docs.house.gov/rules/health/111_sgr1.pdf 13-page PDF) by a very partisan vote (only 1 Republican voted yes, and several Democrats voted no). This bill would repeal Medicare's sustainable growth rate, or SGR, formula and replace it with a payment system that provides for more predictable updates from Medicare. For 2010 Medicare physician rate increases would be equal to the increase in the Medical Economic Index MEI. The Senate must act on the bill.

State Government Relations

Spring into Action 2010 - Save the Dates!

March 17, 18 or April 13, 14, or 15

IAFP offers five different dates to participate in the legislative process in March or April. These "mini" lobby days are designed to give family physicians more opportunities to learn about our state government and advocate on issues that impact family medicine. You will meet face to face with those policy makers and legislators involved in creating and implementing health care policy in Illinois that affects you and your patients.

Illinois Health Connect Providers – IMPORTANT NOTICE

If your practice is an Illinois Health Connect primary care provider (PCP), the following information may be helpful to you.

To continue to enhance continuity of care, IHC is now implementing Phase I of the Illinois Health Connect Referral System, implemented by Region, on the dates provided below:

- **Collar Counties – December 1, 2009**
- Cook County – February 1, 2010
- Central Counties – April 1, 2010
- Southern Counties – April 1, 2010

Watch a seven minute video about the IHC Phase I Referral policies and procedures for entering and verifying referrals. <http://illinoishealthconnect.com/providerinfo.aspx>

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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. Sherman Family Healthcare Centers is seeking full and part-time Family Physicians for urgent care work in **Elgin** area. These four urgent care facilities are owned and operated by Sherman Hospital and has a combined annual volume of over 60,000 patients a year. With Sherman opening a new state of the art hospital in December, we fully expect our centers to grow and prosper. This is an excellent opportunity for Family Physicians who want to join an established

and successful organization were all physicians are partners and owners and share in the success of the group. We offer excellent compensation, ownership, profit sharing as well as health, disability and retirement programs. Contact Doug Harala at 800-842-2619 or by e-mail at haralad@medamerica.com.

3. The Department of Family and Community Medicine at the **University of Illinois College of Medicine at Rockford** is seeking family physician faculty to take part in its innovative Primary Care Clinic program. This involves clinical care and faculty supervision of medical students in an office designed specifically for longitudinal primary care teaching. The Department offers an on-site MPH certificate program and faculty development opportunities. The College is a WHO Collaborating Center for Medical Education. Candidates should be board certified or board eligible. OB skills preferred by not required. Prior experience in substance abuse medicine or correctional medicine a plus. Rank is commensurate with qualifications.

For fullest consideration, please send a cover letter and resume to: Carrie Sharkey-Asner, MD, Search Committee Chair, Department of Family and Community Medicine; 1601 Parkview Ave, Rockford, IL 61107 or by email to CSA@uic.edu. Call 815-395-5810 for further information. The University of Illinois is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer.

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