



**Tuesday,
November
12, 2013**



**Speaker:
Ginger Williams,
MD, FACEP,
FACHE,
President and
CEO, Oaklawn
Hospital**

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THE ROLE OF PHYSICIAN LEADERSHIP IN THE BRAVE NEW WORLD OF HEALTHCARE REFORM

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2013**

Location.....

**OAKLAWN
HOSPITAL
Wright Med. Bldg.**

Agenda.....

- * **6:00-6:55 P.M.:**
CCMS Executive Committee (Garden-level Board Room)
- * **6:30-7:00 P.M.:**
Social/Networking (3rd Flr. Classroom)
- * **7:00-8:00 P.M.:**
Dinner/Presentation (3rd Flr Classroom)

Menu.....

Buffet with vegetarian option

**ANNUAL ELECTION
OF NEW OFFICERS**

OBJECTIVES

- ◆ Understand the major strengths and weaknesses of PPACA as a public policy
- ◆ Understand the key drivers of hospital-physician alignment under healthcare reform
- ◆ Learn leadership lessons from the dark side for the new era of collaboration

ABOUT THE SPEAKER

Dr. Ginger Williams began her tenure as President and CEO of Oaklawn Hospital in January 2013. Prior to being named successor to Rob Covert and President of Oaklawn Hospital in May 2012, Dr. Williams had served as Chief Medical Officer since December 2005.

She earned her undergraduate degree at the University of Wisconsin, her medical degree at Medical College of Wisconsin and completed her residency in Emergency Medicine at Michigan State University. Dr. Williams has been at Oaklawn Hospital for over 16 years, first as an Emergency Department clinician, then as a member of Oaklawn's administrative team full time as the Chief Medical Officer in 2005. Since then, Dr. Williams has obtained her Masters in Medical Management from Carnegie Mellon University. She is a Fellow of the American College of Emergency Physicians, a Fellow of

the American College of Healthcare Executives and has sat on its Great Lakes Chapter Board of Directors. She is a diplomate of the American Board of Emergency Medicine and the American Board of Medicine. In 2011, she was appointed to the Board of Examiners for the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award.

As a Marshall resident, Dr. Williams takes an active role in the community. She currently sits on the Chemical Bank Community Board of Directors for Marshall and Albion, and works with the Regional Health Alliance in the advancement of medical education in Calhoun County.

TARGET AUDIENCE

The target audience for this program is ALL PHYSICIAN MEMBERS of Calhoun County Medical Society. No CME will be offered at this meeting.

This is a non-sponsored meeting. As CEO, the speaker is financially affiliated to Oaklawn Hospital. A speaker disclosure form is on file in the Calhoun County Medical Society Office.

**CCMS
EVENT
CALENDAR**

**2nd Tuesday,
6:30pm Meeting
Topics:**

2014

Jan.	President's Celebration, TBA, 6:00—10:00
Feb 11	Samantha Pearl, TBA
Mar. 11	Dr. Miller, Cardiologist, TBA
Apr. 8	TBA—YOU TELL US
May 13	TBA—YOU TELL US
June 10	Executive Committee ONLY, BBC
Sept. 9	TBA—YOU TELL US
Oct. 14	TBA—YOU TELL US
Nov. 11	TBA—YOU TELL US

PRESIDENT'S REPORT



**William J. Comai,
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“A
government
BIG enough
to give you
everything
you want is
STRONG
enough to
take
everything
you have.”

~Thomas
Jefferson

Random Thoughts

- ◆ For anyone who hasn't seen it, I highly recommend “The Comedy Show” interview between Charles Krauthammer and Jon Stewart (If you Google “Krauthammer Stewart video,” you will find it). Essentially the two of them have crystallized the rhetoric between the right and left in regards to Obamacare. It is surprising how much common ground there is in solving this nightmare without the extremism or hyperpolitics. The whole argument is encapsulated in less than 30 minutes of video
- ◆ What has been the effect of computers on the quality of health-care delivery? Has it helped or hurt? Certainly aspects of computers have helped, such as being able to view x-rays and labs remotely. But what of the loss of time in dealing with nonsense and gibberish that has nothing to do with actual care of the patient? Particularly offensive is the invasion of “wonky” language into the system that doesn't belong there. The whole morass is the fault of phy-

sicians for not being more instrumental in development, and software designers that don't let physicians be more involved. Example? BBC has an in-house developed geriatric fracture program that has been moderately successful, but can't be instituted in the computer system because it is being controlled by a health corporation that doesn't own us anymore.

- ◆ Speaking of computers, want to develop a user friendly computer system for hospital? Hire gamers, the guys who program computer gaming systems. They can create a game of many higher magnitudes of complexity than a hospital, and have a 12-year-old intuitively understand it in a matter of minutes if not seconds. If not, the kid would never buy the game.

I hope all of you will welcome **Jeanne Morales** as the new executive director of CCMS, and many thanks to **Diane Cummins** for her years of hard work and leadership.

Sincerely,
William J. Comai,
DO

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If you have questions, please contact **Andrew R. Schepers** at (517) 336-7579, or aschepers@msms.org.

Helping Your Employees and Patients Understand the Health Insurance Marketplace

In the upcoming weeks and months, your patients will be inundated with messaging encouraging them to utilize the Health Insurance Marketplace (formerly referred to as the “Exchange”). The individual mandate provisions of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act will also have heightened visibility. As a trusted resource for information, many of your patients may come to you with questions. This article is intended to help you answer basic questions and direct you to some useful resources.

Where can someone purchase individual coverage?

Starting Oct. 1, 2013, Michigan residents will have the options of shopping for health insurance coverage on the federally-run Health Insurance Marketplace operating in Michigan. To buy through the Marketplace, one must live in the United States, be a U.S. Citizen or national (or lawfully present), and not be currently incarcerated.

What is a Health Insurance Marketplace?

A Health Insurance Marketplace is an online marketplace where people can shop for, compare, and purchase

health insurance. There will be a single application, which will also be used to let people know if they are eligible for financial assistance to help with costs or if they or their family members qualify for coverage through Medicaid or MI-Child (Michigan’s Children’s Health Insurance Program).

How do individuals apply?

Individuals can apply online (HealthCare.gov), by phone (**800-318-2596; 855-889-4325/TTY**), by mail, or in-person with the help of a trained assister or navigator.

When will the Marketplace be open for enrollment?

Open enrollment started October 1, 2013, and **ends on March 31, 2014**. Plans and prices are available now. Coverage starts as soon as January 1, 2014.

What type of coverage will be available?

The specific terms of coverage will vary based on the particular plan that is purchased. However, all coverage purchased through a Health Insurance Marketplace is required at a minimum to include a set of “essential health benefits” with at least the following items and services:

- ◆ Ambulatory patient services
- ◆ Emergency services
- ◆ Hospitalization
- ◆ Maternity and newborn

care

- ◆ Mental health and substance abuse disorder services, including behavioral health treatment
- ◆ Prescription drugs
- ◆ Rehabilitative and habilitative services and devices
- ◆ Laboratory services
- ◆ Preventive and wellness services and chronic disease management
- ◆ Pediatric services, including oral and vision care

What is the Individual Mandate?

Effective January 1, 2014, most U.S. citizens and legal residents will be required to have health insurance that qualifies as minimum essential coverage or pay a penalty. Minimum essential coverage means coverage under:

- ◆ Government sponsored plans
- ◆ Employer-sponsored plans
- ◆ Plans in the individual market
- ◆ Grandfathered health plans; and
- ◆ Some other specified health plans

What if someone chooses not to purchase insurance?

Individuals who do not purchase insurance, and provide verification of coverage, may be subject to a penalty. This penalty will be the greater of:

- ◆ 2014: \$95 or 1% of household income

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LEGISLATIVE REPORT



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Medical legislation requires constant oversight.

MSMS THIRD DISTRICT REPORT



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—or— see him at
our meetings.

What's the Latest on Health Insur- ance Marketplace Website?

In light of the recent problems with the federal government's Health Insurance Marketplace website, Michigan Consumers for Healthcare (MCH) offers clarification for Michigan citizens. MCH, an organization that works with a diverse alliance of consumers, partners, and policymakers to attain affordable, accessible and quality health care, is Michigan's statewide navigator for the Marketplace.

MCH Director **Don Hazaert** reminds Michiganders to keep these points in mind:

- ◆ The problems that the Healthcare.gov website is experiencing are neither entirely unexpected nor unprecedented.
- ◆ There were many of the same glitches and technical issues with the rollout to Medicare Part D. Several of the state-based exchanges are also experiencing problems, but just as the Medicare Part D issues were resolved, the issues at Healthcare.gov will likewise be quickly resolved.
- ◆ There is an ample enrollment window. Consumers have until March 31, 2014 to get enrolled in coverage, if they want to take advantage of the tax cred-



its that help make coverage so affordable. If a consumer would like a health plan that begins on January 1, they still have until December 15 to enroll

Over 20,000 consumers have already visited EnrollMichigan.com seeking out navigators to help them understand their enrollment options.

Navigators are not doing this work alone. There is a sizeable network of Certified Application Counselors available to help.

It's important that the consumer health community reassures the public during this problematic early implementation phase. Despite a few glitches, there is still ample time to enroll in coverage and the non-profit community remains determined to assist every consumer who needs help.

Get Answers and Updates: 2013 Annual Third-party Payer Day

An All-Day Conference
with the Major Payers of
Michigan

**Friday, November 22
Lansing Center, Lansing,
7:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.**

333 E. Michigan Ave.,
Lansing, MI 48933

Registration Fee (for everyone) = \$125 through 11/15/2013
Late Registration Fee/On-Site Registration Fee (for everyone) = \$155 as of 11/16/2013.

Register to attend to learn how to improve the reimbursement rate for your practice.

This program meets AAPC guidelines for 7.0 Core A continuing education units.

The event will feature the major payers of Michigan, who will present expected changes for the coming year, show how to get claims paid quickly, and answer questions about claims processing and reimbursement. Medicaid, Blue Cross and Medicare representatives also will be on-hand to discuss problem claims and answer questions. Sponsored by the Michigan Medical Group Management Association.

Payers will present expected changes for the coming year, give feedback on how to get claims paid in a timely manner, and answer your questions about claims processing and reimbursement. Bring others from your office to take full advantage of this conference.

From 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., sign-up on-site to meet with Medicaid/BCBSM/Medicare and other insurance representatives about your problem claims and questions. Bring your claims/questions and the remittance advice that has the rejection on it for each problem claim.

Go to <https://m360.michmgma.org/event.aspx?eventID=90263>

CCMS REPORT: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CHANGE OF GUARD



Diane Cummins

After considerable heartfelt deliberation, I am publicly announcing my resignation from my position as Executive Director for Calhoun County Medical Society effective December 31, 2013. As I begin my 13th year, representing the county and state medical societies has become my second identity. In fact, I have more pride in my medical society work than I have any

other job I've held. I assure you it was not an easy decision as I have spent the past twelve years making a personal commitment and putting 110% of my energy and talent into upholding the organization, defending both the county and state levels.

As you may know, this position is a part-time, home-based position. At the same time, I work a full-time job and just achieved my Bachelor's of Science summa cum laude in Liberal Arts. Now a new chapter of my life is requiring my energy and focus as I am the guardian of a frail parent and the homestead responsibilities to go with it, along

with some much-needed time off.

I hold in the highest regard the relationships I've established and truly value the experience I've acquired. As is typical, the most difficult part of leaving any position is the network of comrades. My time has come to pass the baton onto the next Executive Director and shift gears. I'll miss you all!

Take good care of my dear friend, Jeanne... I trust her implicitly! Join me as we support the new Executive Director and future officers for the successful sustainability of the medical society and the principals it stands on!

MEET YOUR NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Jeanne Morales

My name is Jeanne Morales and I have been appointed to be your new 2014 Executive Director for the Calhoun County Medical Society. I have been in the medical field for 20 years at

Battle Creek Health System and now Bronson Battle Creek, and have had the privilege to work with many of you in your specialty offices. I presently work at Bronson Battle Creek Sleep Center as the Senior Patient Information Technician. For the last four years, Diane asked me to assist her with CCMS duties while she pursued college classes to complete her degree.

From those four years

working with Diane, I have come to realize I have some pretty big shoes to fill. Diane and I will be working very closely for the next few months to help make this transition smooth for all of you. What a team we have been and will continue to be.

I will officially be your Executive Director starting in January 2014 and I look forward to meeting and working with each and every one of you.

MSMS COMMITTEES

MSMS is always seeking County volunteers to serve on state committees. As a member, this is a GREAT way to become familiar with the state society at a minimum of time. **Please Consider...**

Committees on:

- ◆ Aging
- ◆ Bioethics
- ◆ Annual Scientific Meeting
- ◆ CME Accreditation
- ◆ CME Programming
- ◆ Health Care Quality, Efficiency and Economics
- ◆ Information Technology
- ◆ Maternal and Perinatal Health
- ◆ Medical Licensure and Discipline
- ◆ Membership Recruitment and Retention
- ◆ State Legislation and Regulations

Liaison Committees with:

- ◆ Michigan's Public Health
- ◆ Third Party Payers

Task Forces on:

- ◆ A Patient Focused Compensation System
- ◆ Physician Extenders

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at the
5:30
meetings...

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Elkmoss Corner: "Executive Physical Exams"

I have always been skeptical about the strange behaviors of some of my colleagues that have been ascribed to what is called mid-life crises. We have all heard of instances where some physician leaves his wife and children of twenty years or so and runs off with an office nurse or some such nonsense. A former chief of staff of our hospital in his sixties did not leave his wife, but went out and bought a flashy Corvette to drive around Swampville. I guess that might have made a little sense in California or wide open cities, but not in Moss State where the pot-holes usually set national records for numbers and depths. With the state of the economy being so poor, they never get repaired adequately. Our road commission has decided to give up and just post "Rough Road" signs instead of attempting to fix them.

The closest I guess that I have come to a mid-life crisis was when a close associate, in his forties, developed cancer and died, leaving his wife and three teenage kids without a husband and father. Considering I was at least fifty pounds overweight, I resolved to do something about my health. If I died, I did not want to overwork the pall bearers carrying my casket or embarrass Mrs.

Elkmoss at the viewing. I can hear her associates now asking how she could have ever put up with a fat toad of a husband like me.

One of my weight reduction motivations (I believe in using any trick in the book to get the discipline to get physically fit) was to set up an executive physical at a major center. Granted it would be much more expensive than having my colleagues check me over, but that was part of the incentive. Why spend thousands of dollars getting check up if I was not going to keep fit forever? Besides, I always get a little uncomfortable tending to a physician I work with (just look at the miserable record I have tending to family members), and I am sure the reverse is true as well.

I arranged the examination for six months later and during that time set up an awesome fitness program. By the time I had my exam, I was running five miles a day, bankrupted a diet center (by not paying for their expensive

foods that I could get at any grocery store significantly cheaper), and lost the fifty pounds. One of the greatest moments in the process was when Mrs. Elkmoss declared that I was too skinny!

When the big day of my examination came, I was ready. I traveled to the Big Center the day before and stayed at a hotel on the campus. I ate nothing the night before (which helped with my weigh-in the next day) for my blood tests in the morning, and then the fun began with different departments ranging from radiology (chest x-ray), cardiology (a stress test), life counseling ("Are you working under a lot of stress?"), audiology, exercise physiology, and dietary. The day was capped by a two-hour personal

BIG CENTER EXECUTIVE PHYSICAL



Okay, Dr. Elkmoss, what fits your schedule better, exercising 1 hour a day or being dead 24 hours a day?

Elkmoss *(continued)*

physical exam where an internist went over all the data as well as examined me thoroughly. It was quite an experience.

The low point of the day's experience came with the nutritionist. We did not get along very well. To begin with, I thought she was a little overweight herself, and she promptly told me my dietary habits were awful. (I did not need to travel all the way to the Big Center to listen to what Mrs. Elkmoss told me at home.) Towards the end of the interview she determined my fat content. At the time, there were two major ways in which to make the determination. The gold standard, which is probably still applicable today, was to submerge a person in water and measure the specific gravity. That is the same technique Archimedes discovered when he jumped into a bathtub, spilling out water and declaring, "Eureka, I have found it!"—referring to a way to determine how much gold was in a substance. I think if the news media was there at the time they would have really heard, "My God, I'm fat!"

The other technique commonly used at the time was the pinch test where calipers are used to measure the thickness of fat at eleven places on the body. The numbers

are then put into a formula and the fat content was calculated.

New at the time, however, was a supposedly more accurate way to determine fat content by measuring the electrical impedance of the body. It involved putting in the age, weight, and height of the patient into a computer and hooking up electrodes. While the patient calmly sits there (How can you be calm when you are getting ready to be totally embarrassed?), a computer goes through a series of calculations and prints out a page worth of information, ending up at the bottom with one of four diagnoses—too skinny, normal, overweight, fat. (Those, obviously, are not the real medical terms used, but what the computer is really saying.)

The Big Center, being the innovative institution it was, used this machine to determine my fat content. For my age and sex, the normal range was 9-16%. (Women gripe all the time about how much easier it is for men to lose weight than them, but in reality, they are permitted almost twice as much fat percentage as men. So there!) After several minutes of calculating, the computer spewed out a piece of paper. The overweight technician unhooked me and, with a little smile on her face,

handed me the paper. At the very bottom it calculated my total fat content was 16.1%—OVERWEIGHT. Apparently the computer's cut off for normal was 16.0, not 16.5, so after enduring countless nagging insults ("What's a fat boy like you doing running around in public," etc.), running five miles a day for months, and losing more than fifty pounds, all the Big Center could say was I was overweight!

Every five years after that I have returned to the Big Center for executive physicals. I have now just completed my fifth one and the last three have been with the same physician. Thankfully none have been with the same nutritionist and my physician has given me psychiatric care to heal my wounded feelings of initially being called fat.

On my last visit, the doctor explained, "Now Dr. Elkmoss, they did not call you fat, just overweight. And now they've changed the computer so that you would fall just inside normal range— if you hadn't gained that twenty pounds since the last visit!"



*Herman J.
Elkmoss,
MD*

Do You HAVE BOTH ELKM OSS BOOKS?

June 2012,

Further

Adventures of Herman J. Elkmoss, MD, was released.

The original book, *The Marvelous Adventures of Herman J. Elkmoss, MD,* can be purchased directly from PublishAmerica or through Amazon or Barnes & Noble online. (E-book versions will soon be available as well.)

Enjoy the antics, comedy, and physician education and experiences. Great as short reading or as a gift. Contact **Jeff Jones, MD,** to acquire your copies locally!

LEGISLATIVE REPORT

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Helping Your Employees and Patients Understand the Health Insurance Marketplace

- ◆ 2015: \$325 or 2% of household income
- ◆ 2016: \$695 or 2.5% of household income

The penalty per child under 18 years old is one-half of the above amounts. However, the maximum a family will have to pay is three times the above amounts. Beginning in 2017, the penalty will be increased annually by the cost-of-living adjustment up to a specified cap. Some exceptions do apply such as those who have religious objections, those not lawfully present in the U.S., those with financial hardships, and incarcerated individuals.

Is help available to offset the cost of health insurance?

Individuals who purchase health insurance through the Marketplace and who are not eligible for Medicaid, Medicare, or other minimum essential coverage may be eligible for tax credits and/or cost-sharing subsidies if their household incomes are between 100% and 400% of the federal poverty level.

The Marketplace will conduct a test to verify that the individual's employer does not offer coverage that covers at least 60% of the costs or the individual's premium contribution is greater than 9.5% of household income.

How does one know if they qualify for a tax credit and/or subsidy?

The table below describes the various levels.

Household Income (% of FPL)	Premium Cap (% of household Income)	Cost Sharing Subsidy
Up to 133%*	2%	94%
133-150%	3-4%	94%
150-200%	4-6.3%	87%
200-250%	6.3-8.05%	73%
250-300%	8.05-9.5%	70%
300-400%	9.5%	70%

*With the expansion of Medicaid in Michigan, these individuals will qualify for Medicaid.

For example, if an individual falls between 150-200% FPL, the amount he/she will pay on the premium for a silver plan would be 4-6.3% of his/her household income and he/she will pay 13% on cost-sharing out-of-pocket expenses.

Additionally, various organizations are developing tools to help individuals determine eligibility for tax credits and subsidies, as well as estimate their out-of-pocket costs. The Kaiser Family Foundation has a calculator that your patients may want to utilize. It is available at <http://kff.org/interactive/subsidy-calculator/>. *This calculator is not approved or sponsored by the Federal government or MSMS and is intended for illustrative purposes only.*



Where can individuals go for more information?

Visit www.healthcare.gov/. Or, call the **Health Insurance Marketplace Call Center at 800-318-2596 (TTY users should call 855-889-4325).**

Are there resources physicians can make available in their office?

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services has created a number of tools for physicians to use including posters, brochures, and widgets that can be downloaded or ordered at <http://marketplace.cms.gov/getofficialresources/publications-and-articles/publications-and-articles.html>. MSMS also has a variety of links at www.msms.org/aca.

Retrieved November 3, 2013, from http://www.msms.org/AM/Template.cfm?Section=Federal_Government&Template=/CM/HTMLDisplay.cfm&ContentID=24475

Honoring our CCMS Friend In Passing

The members of the Calhoun County Medical Society express our most sincere condolences.

Dr. Donna Powell, 87, of Battle Creek, passed away June 27, 2013 surrounded by her family at North Pointe Woods Assisted Living due to complications of Alzheimer's. She was born March 30, 1926, the daughter of Thelma and Donald B. Hackley in Kalamazoo. She had two brothers, Charles and Arthur.

Dr. Donna, as many affectionately called her, graduated from Western Michigan University in 1947, becoming the first African-American to be inducted into the Academy Sorority. She graduated from Howard University College of Medicine in 1951.

Dr. Donna was an early global healthcare advocate. During her senior year in medical school, as part of the newly founded American Medical Student Association (AMSA), she toured Western Europe and various countries behind the "iron curtain" sharing best medical practices. In the

mid-60s, along with other volunteers, she helped gather used medical equipment from all over the United States and traveled to British Honduras (now the independent nation, Belize), and supervised their delivery to hospitals and clinics.

She interned at Freedman's Hospital in Washington D.C., and completed her residency in the specialty of internal medicine at the Veteran's Administration Hospital, Tuskegee, Alabama.

She and her husband, **Carl Powell, MD**, moved to Battle Creek in 1958 where she rose to be Chief of Medical Services at the Veteran Administration Hospital. For many years, she was the only female physician on the hospital's medical staff.

Dr. Donna was a Golden Heritage Life Member of the NAACP and received the Black Achievement Award of the VA Black History Committee.

She was an active

member of her church, Seventh Day Baptist Church of Battle Creek and for 31 years volunteered as Medical Director at its summer camp programs. She enjoyed family genealogy and reunions, social gatherings, and fitness walking.

She is survived by her husband of 59 years, Carl Powell, MD, currently residing in Battle Creek, a son Carl Powell, Jr., and her daughter, Lisa Powell, both of Los Angeles.

Very special thanks to **Oneita Hubbard** for her loving care of Donna for over four years. In deep gratitude to all of the Arcadia Home Health Care workers who gave their kind assistance for many years.

In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to the Seventh Day Baptist Church, 200 N. Washington Ave., Battle Creek, MI 49037. Condolences may be sent to Lisa Powell at lisapowell22@gmail.com.

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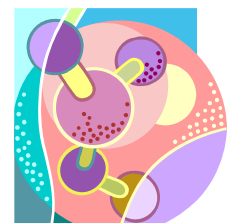


Donna H. Powell, MD, General Surgery—Retired

MSMS Member Support for Affordable Care Act (ACA) Questions

- ◆ ACA Video: <http://kff.org/health-reform/video/youtoons-obamacare-video/>
- ◆ Health Insurance Marketplace: 10 Things Providers Need to Know: <http://marketplace.cms.gov/getofficialresources/publications-and-articles/10-things-providers-need-to-know.pdf>
- ◆ Health Insurance Marketplace: 10 Things to Tell Your Patients: <http://marketplace.cms.gov/getofficialresources/publications-and-articles/10-things-to-tell-your-patients.pdf>
- ◆ Masters Series (at ASM): https://www.msms.org/AM/customsource/events/asm_step_1.cfm

Rebecca J. Blake, Senior Director, Health Care Delivery, Physician Education and Foundation, Michigan State Medical Society



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As a spouse or partner of a Medical Society member (physician), you are eligible to become a member of the Calhoun County, Michigan State, and National Medical Society Alliances.

The Alliance is the largest volunteer arm of the CCMSA/MSMSA/AMAA, supporting medical families through advocacy and education and serves as a volunteer voice of healthy families in our

communities.

You can learn more about the rich opportunities available at www.msmsa.org or www.amaalliance.org.



Michigan State Medical Society Alliance

3031 W.Grand Blvd., Suite 645 Detroit, MI. 48202 (313) 874-1366

MEMBERSHIP YEAR 2013 - 20014

MEMBER INFORMATION

Name _____
 Address _____
 Home Phone _____
 Email _____
 County _____ Member Type _____
 MSMS Alliance member since (year) _____ County Alliance member since (year) _____
 Spouse Name (full name) _____

PAYMENT INFORMATION

Please make check payable to **MSMSA** and mail to
MSMSA 3031 W.Grand Blvd., Suite 645 Detroit, MI. 48202

DUES	AMOUNT
AMAA	50.00
MSMSA*	32.00
County**	
Total Paid	

PAYMENT METHOD			
<input type="checkbox"/> Check	<input type="checkbox"/> Discover	<input type="checkbox"/> Visa	<input type="checkbox"/> MasterCard
Card Number: _____			
Expiration Date: _____			
Signature: _____			

*If you are a spouse of a retired physician, you can pay the reduced amount of \$25.00 for **STATE** dues.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

RETURN TOP PORTION WITH YOUR PAYMENT

Michigan State Medical Society Alliance
 Membership Dues Statement

DUES	AMOUNT PAID
AMAA	
MSMSA	
County	
Total Amt Paid	

For Your Records	
Check Number:	_____
Check Date:	_____
Check Amt:	_____
Credit Card Used:	_____

RETAIN BOTTOM PORTION FOR YOUR RECORDS

**** COUNTY
DUES
SCHEDULE**

- Calhoun 25.00
- Delta 35.00
- Genesee 20.00/\$.00 (Resident/MSS)
- Grand Traverse 18.00
- Ingham 25.00
- Jackson 25.00
- Kalamazoo 20.00
- Kent 20.00
- Marquette-Alger 30.00
- Midland 35.00
- Monroe 20.00
- Muskegon 25.00
- N. Michigan 15.00
- Saginaw 20.00
- Washtenaw 10.00
- Wayne 20.00/\$.00 (Resident/MSS)

At Large
Members
None



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MICHIGAN STATE MEDICAL SOCIETY
120 W. Saginaw, Lansing, MI 48823
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517-336-5762

State and County Medical Society
Membership Application

CALHOUN COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETY
PO Box 278
Battle Creek, MI 49016-0278
269-660-0893 • Calhouncms@yahoo.com

Do you work 20 hours or less per week? YES NO
Is your spouse a member of MSMS? YES NO
Is this the first year you have practiced in Michigan? YES NO

Please PRINT or TYPE

FULL NAME Last First Middle Initial MD or DO (Circle One)
HOME ADDRESS, CITY & ZIP Area Code & Telephone Number
OFFICE ADDRESS, CITY & ZIP Area Code & Telephone Number
PRACTICE NAME Office Fax Number
EMAIL ADDRESS For mailing, please use (check one): Office address Home address

BIOGRAPHICAL DATA Sex: Male Female Birth Place Date of Birth Month Day Year
Maiden Name Spouse's Name
Government Service (check one): Military National Health Service Beginning Date Completion Date

EDUCATION (please complete or attach CV)

Table with 4 columns: INSTITUTION, LOCATION, DEGREE, YEAR GRADUATED (Beginning, Ending). Rows for College/University and Medical School.

Table with 3 columns: INTERNSHIP, RESIDENCY, AND FELLOWSHIPS, SPECIALTY, COMPLETION DATE.

License: MI # Date Issued ECFMG #
License held in other states/countries (list states or countries)

PROFESSIONAL DATA Present Type of Practice (check appropriately):

OFFICE BASED: Solo Hospital Based Teaching Research Government
Group Practice Name Other (specify)

Specialty Subspecialty
Board Certifications (list specialties & dates)
Present Hospital Appointments (list dates)
Teaching Appointments (list dates)
Previous Medical Society Membership (list dates)
Specialty Society Memberships

Within the last five years, have you been convicted of a felony crime? YES NO IF YES, please provide full information.
Within the last five years, has your license to practice medicine in any jurisdiction been limited, suspended or revoked? YES NO IF YES, please provide full information.
Within the last five years, have you been the subject of any disciplinary action by any medical society or hospital staff? YES NO IF YES, please provide full information.

I agree to support the CALHOUN COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETY Constitution and Bylaws, the MICHIGAN STATE MEDICAL SOCIETY Constitution and Bylaws, and the Principles of Ethics of the American Medical Association as applied by the AMA and the MSMS Judicial Commission.

Signature Date

WHEN COMPLETED, please mail to MSMS or Calhoun County Medical Society, or FAX to 517-336-5797. THANK YOU!



(AMA Membership Optional)

CALHOUN
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MEDICAL
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Since 1839

PO Box 278
Battle Creek, MI 49016-2078

Phone Messages / Fax:
269-660-0893

Email: calhouncms@yahoo.com
Jeanne Morales, Executive Director

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NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:
The 20th day of each month prior to published month.

A Nonprofit Physician's Professional Organization

BIOGRAPHY: A Society is a group of professionals with a common trade that offers networking and referrals, professional development and educational opportunities. The medical society offers enhanced services at the county level, guided by the professional state level. Calhoun County formed one of the earliest medical societies in the state of Michigan in 1839; Michigan State Medical Society formed in 1866.

MISSION STATEMENT: The purpose of the Calhoun County Medical Society / Michigan State Medical Society is to offer opportunities for networking, leadership and mentoring, grassroots medical legislative involvement, continuing medical educational needs along with personal and professional support services at the county, state, or national levels.

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<http://www.mdpac.org>
<http://www.michmgma.org>
<http://www.bronsonbattlecreek.com>
<http://www.oaklawnhospital.org>
<http://www.sw-rehab.org>
<http://www.hclfonline.com>
<http://www.calhouncancer.org>

SUPPORT CONGRESSMAN UPTON AT NOVEMBER FUNDRAISER



(l to r) Doctor Ken Elmassian, MSMS 2013 President, Doctor Wise, Congressman Fred Upton, Doctor John Bizon, AMA Alternate Delegate

The Michigan Doctors' Political Action Committee (MDPAC) encourages you to attend a fundraising reception honoring **Congressman Fred Upton (R-St. Joseph)** on **Monday, November 25, from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. at The Henderson Castle in Kalamazoo**. The Kalamazoo Academy of Medicine will host the event.

Congressman Upton chairs the US House Energy & Commerce Committee, where he has been a key proponent of Medicare SGR reform.

Requested Contribution: \$50 per person minimum. Please **RSVP by November 22 to Jan Jackson at 269-353-3989 or Kalacademy@ameritech.net**.