

**Tuesday,
February
14, 2012**

(Treat Your Spouse to Valentine's Dinner with CCMS)

The Medicaid Muddle



Speaker:
**Senator Tom
George, MD**
Anesthesiologist

R.S.V.P.:
*to Diane
660-0893*

*See you at
Bronson
Battle
Creek
Outpatient
Center
Second Floor
Conference
Rooms 1 & 2*

LOCATION:
**BRONSON
BATTLE CREEK**

AGENDA:

- * **5:30 P.M. -
CCMS Executive
Committee (OPC 2nd
Fl. Board Room)**
- * **6:00 P.M. - 6:30
Social (OPC 2nd Fl.
Conf. Rms. 1&2)**
- * **6:30 P.M.
Dinner/Presentation
(no CME) (OPC 2nd Fl.
Conf. Rms. 1&2)**

MENU:
**Buffet with vegetarian
option**

OBJECTIVES

- ◆ Gain an understanding of how Medicaid is funded.
- ◆ Understand what the largest Medicaid expenses are.
- ◆ Gain an understanding of what populations are eligible for Medicaid coverage.
- ◆ Understand how Federal Health Reform affects the Michigan's Medicaid program.

ABOUT THE SPEAKER

Tom George, M.D. has been an anesthesiologist practicing in Kalamazoo since 1985. From 1996

to 2001 he was also the medical director of Hospice of Greater Kalamazoo.

Tom served for ten years in the state legislature, first as a State Representative and then in the State Senate, from which he retired in 2010 due to term limits.

While in the Senate Tom served as chair of the Senate Health Policy Committee. Tom authored nearly fifty public acts including "Kevin's Law" (providing outpatient treatment for the mentally ill), a measure capping the number of billboards on state highways, and laws allowing insurance companies to give discounts for healthy behavior. He also served as a co-sponsor of Michigan's smoke-free air law.

Tom has been recognized as Legislator-of-the-Year by Michigan Hospice and Palliative Care Organization, the Michigan Association of Health Plans, Scenic Michigan, and the Michigan Manufacturers Association. In 2008 he received the Governor's Council on Physical Fitness Achievement Award for Public Officials.

Tom is a past-president of the Historical Society of Michigan, the Kalamazoo Academy of

Medicine, and the Michigan Society of Anesthesiologists. He has contributed articles to *Michigan History Magazine*, *The New England Journal of Medicine*, *The Journal of the American Medical Association (JAMA)*, *Michigan Medicine*, and *Anesthesiology*.

Tom was born and raised in Flint, Michigan. As an undergraduate he attended the University of Michigan-Flint and the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor where he was made a member of the academic honor society, Phi Beta Kappa. In an odd twist of academics, he began medical school prior to finishing his undergraduate work and graduated from the University of Michigan Medical School in 1982.

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 presentation has been made possible by funding from the Calhoun County Medical Society. Tom George, MD, is a member of Kalamazoo Academy of Medicine, and Michigan State Medical Society. A speaker disclosure form is on file in the Medical Staff Office at Bronson Battle Creek. The speaker has agreed that he has no affiliation with any products or services mentioned in the presentation.

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**FEBRUARY
2012**

**CCMS
EVENT
CALENDAR**

2012

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

Mar. 13	Blood talk , C.M. Flynn, MD (1 CME)
Apr. 10	Blue Cross Blue Shield Discus- sion, Tom Simmer, MD
Apr. 27 - 29	MSMS House of Delegates, The Henry, Dearborn
May 8	End-of-Life Discussion, Heartland Hospice
Jun. 12	Executive Committee ONLY @ BBC OPC Board Room
Sep. 11	TBA (Member suggestions welcome)
Oct. 9	Winslow Lectureship, BCCC
Nov. 13	TBA (Member suggestions welcome)

PRESIDENT'S REPORT



**Lokesh R. Edara,
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I would like to thank our members for giving me this opportunity to serve as the President of the Calhoun County Medical Society. I would also like to thank **Dr. Mahesh Karamchandani**, the entire executive committee, and **Diane Cummins**, executive director of the CCMS, for their hard work during the course of 2011 year. We have seen significant changes including **Bronson Methodist Hospital** working with **Battle Creek Health System**, to become **Bronson Battle Creek**.

Bring your spouses on Valentine's night for a delicious catered buffet dinner and to help us understand the Medicare muddle. Please R.S.V.P. as we look forward to having **Dr. Tom George** speak at the Bronson Battle Creek Outpatient Center conference rooms 1 and 2 on Tuesday, **February 14th** from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. February is Heart Disease Awareness Month: As you know, Heart Disease is the #1 killer of women. All physicians need to stress prevention by reducing Obesity, controlling Diabetes and Cholesterol control.

Our **March 13th** Bronson Battle Creek meeting will host **Dr. Chris Flynn** with a discussion on blood. I hope you can make it to all of the meetings.

In early December 2010, **Oaklawn Hospital** broke ground on a new 43,540 square-foot surgical suite project. The new surgical wing is scheduled to be completed in Spring 2012. Their valet parking

is supposed to be a permanent fixture.

Before Congress left in December, they put into place this **two-month fix that essentially froze the levels of reimbursements to doctors**. That expires at the end of February. We need to keep an eye on this progress and voice our opinions. **Please use the MSMS "Action Center" at www.msms.org to express your concerns to Legislators.**

For those of you who missed the **January 21st President's Celebration** at the Battle Creek Country Club, you missed a good time! Forty-six people attended this soirée. Our entertainment was excellent, thanks to **Dr. Karl Loomis**, who connected us with **The Music Center for Stephen Williams**, string instrument expert, performer, and instructor.

To review the 2011, New Members included:
Dietmar Grentz, MD, Dermatology, Dermatology & Skin Surgery Center, Marshall

Caleb Lee, MD, Internal Medicine, Dermatology & Skin Surgery Ctr, Marshall

Nolan P. Hathaway, MD, Ophthalmology, Marshall

Sajid Hussain, MD, Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, Summit Pointe

Brian C. Atkins, DO, Anesthesiology, Oaklawn Hospital

2011 Retirees included:
Abe Bansali, MD, internal medicine/family practice

2011 50-Year members included:

William B. Comai, MD, internal medicine-retired

Charles L. Seifert, MD, retired urologist

Dr. P. Jeff Colquhoun was our 2011 Community Service Award Recipient.

And I'd like to give honorable mention to our dearly missed member, **Mehmet Yilmaz, MD**.

OTHER 2011 NEWSMAKERS INCLUDE:

Dr. Chaparala & Dr. Potempa opened the new Sleep Center for business on B Drive South

Dr. John Bizon got elected as Michigan State Medical Society 2012 President

Drs. Charles Seifert and Norman Amos were inducted into the BCHS Physician's Hall of Fame

Dr. Joe Schwarz was honored as a Battle Creek "Living Legend"

Dr. Steve Smiley and SW Mi Oncology Assoc. were recognized for meeting the highest standards by the Quality Oncology Practice Initiative

Dr. Karamchandani received the Dale G. Griffin Healthcare Leadership Award at the Winslow Lectureship, and

Dr. Gunjana Bhandari was selected as Medical Director of Bronson Internal Medicine Hospital Specialists.

All the best in 2012,

*Lokesh R. Edara,
MD*

An attempt was made at the end of last year (largely by the insurance lobby) to reform the **Michigan Automotive No-Fault (ANF) system**. Multiple states once had a no-fault insurance for automotive protection, but many states have given this up as being too expensive to underwrite. Michigan is the only state that has unlimited coverage, and there has been an exponentially increasing rise in costs under the catastrophic portion of no-fault coverage. It is estimated that nearly half of metro-Detroit drivers do not carry this mandatory coverage due to policy expenses. Reform legislation would cap benefits and institute a fee schedule. Currently the workers compensation schedule is being proposed in order to further limit expenses under the ANF program. This legislation has stalled in the House but may rise again from the ashes in the new year. Michigan is unique in offering unlimited benefits, leading to the question if this might attract those who would try to scam the system or cottage industries that do not thrive elsewhere in the nation. Corruption should be aggressively managed but underfunding often has unintended consequences. No one would want to carry one's child into ER after a motor accident and not have the necessary personnel there to care for you!

Medicare is another area where we are again walking the rim of a cliff. The budget proposal for Medicare this past December was only a two-month fix, meaning that again **on March 1, 2012, physicians are looking at a 30% reduction in reimbursement for Medicare services**. In mid-February, I have been invited, along with other members of MSMS, to go to Washington to meet with the AMA and our legislators to reinforce the need for a patch, or a fix to the Sustainable Growth Rate formula. The AMA has suggested that dollars for a fix could be available if spending that was previously budgeted for the Iraqi War were used to fund Medicare; the problem with paying for the fix could be resolved. Given Congress's inability to cooperate, there is some doubt as to where this fix can be accomplished. Last year there were three patches to get us through the year. A multiple-year fix would be more desirable. There continues to be the question as to how Medicare payments are going to be affected if there is an across-the-board cut in government spending.

The MSMS Board of Directors has expanded its strategic priorities to include an emphasis on **Medicaid**. The Board requested I chair a Task Force on Medicaid, which is currently in the process of developing a "white

paper" on the program. We have asked multiple specialties, especially those with the greatest exposure to Medicaid patients, to share their thoughts with us. A "medical-community perspective" questionnaire has been developed to collect data before being distributed to a larger group of involved individuals. Discussion with House and Senate leadership suggests that a white paper could be welcomed by our legislators who seem interested in reforming the program, but this may be limited by what will be permitted by the Federal government. If you have ideas about the program, PLEASE FEEL FREE to get in touch with me or MSMS' **Colin Ford**, who is staffing the committee. **We always welcome your thoughts and suggestions!!!**

A BIG "THANK YOU" goes out to those who attended our **January 28th CCMS Legislative Saturday Roundtable** meeting with **Representative Jase Bolger** a success. We had a very productive meeting, thanks to doctors **Lokesh Edara, Jeff Colquhoun, Chris Flynn, Jeff Jones, Ken Lombardi, Cathy Reid, Steve Smiley, Mrs. Linda Garcia**, and MSMS staff **Colin Ford**. **It is so important to keep these lines of communication open on behalf of all physicians!**

Respectfully submitted,

John G. Bizon, MD

LEGISLATIVE REPORT



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MSMS THIRD DISTRICT REPORT



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COUNTY NEWS from MSMS Medigram January 27, 2012

Get to Heart of Women's Health Issues at February 22 Conference

The MSMS Foundation will present the **Annual Conference on Women's Health on Wednesday, February 22, 8:30am – 12:30pm, at the Somerset Inn in Troy.** Women's health concerns cover a wide spectrum, and this conference will address some of the more prominent issues (vaccines, menopause, cancers, nutrition, etc), including guidelines and recommendations. (Topics covered at this conference advance the MSMS Future of Medicine strategic priorities of Primary Care and Quality & Safety.)

Submit House of Delegates Resolutions by March 15th – Use MSMS Resources

The **147th Annual Meeting of the MSMS House of Delegates** will be held **Friday- Sunday, April 27-29**, at The Henry in Dearborn. All resolutions must be submitted online by Thursday, March 15, to be included in the House of Delegates handbook. MSMS offers a House of Delegates Resolution online database to enable delegates to research prior resolutions going back as far as 2005, as well as guidelines to assist representatives in writing resolutions.

MSMS Tells Congress to Stabilize Medicare & Replace SGR

On January 23rd, the AMA, MSMS, and more than 100 other state and specialty medical societies sent a joint letter to the congressional conference committee addressing this issue. The letter calls for an end to the failed payment formula that threatens access, and asks Congress to use funds freed up by the winding down of military operations in Iraq and Afghanistan. (Ensuring the viability of Medicare, and therefore, access to care for seniors and military personnel ties into MSMS's Future of Medicine Primary Care strategic objective advanced by the MSMS Board.)

TAKE ACTION NOW – Use the **MSMS Action Center** to send a message to your representative and our senators. Or call them using the AMA Grassroots Hotline at 800-833-6354.

Learn More about BCBSM's HIPAA 5010 Readiness

Supporting the MSMS Future of Medicine strategic priority of Health Care Resource Stewardship, the MSMS Reimbursement Advocate **Stacie Saylor, CPC**, is working to keep members updated on HIPAA 5010 readiness. As of January 1st, BCBSM is now operating in a dual environment. BCBSM is able to receive

both version 5010 and 4010 compliant transactions. Prior to submitting version 5010, vendors and clearinghouses must pass Phase 1 and Phase 2 testing. Check with your software developer, vendor, or clearinghouse to determine if you are eligible to transmit 5010 transactions.

Blue Cross Delivers PGIP Update to MSMS

The Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan's Physician Group Incentive Program (PGIP) was a hot topic of discussion during the recent MSMS Board of Directors meeting, as BCBSM Senior Vice President & Medical Director **Thomas L. Simmer, MD**, delivered an update to the Health Care Delivery Committee. Some of the highlights from Doctor Simmer's update:

- ◆ As of this month, 14,778 physicians participate in the program, which is approximately 50 percent of physicians in the state.
- ◆ Data shows that patient centered medical home (PCMH) practices continue to improve in many areas, including emergency department visits and ambulatory care sensitive inpatient discharges.
- ◆ There will be a 10% or 20% uplift for PCMH practices based on performance.

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CCMS REPORT

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

As of 12/31/11, we have a total of 218 members.

Welcome New Member:

Brian C. Atkins, DO,
Anesthesiology,
Oaklawn Hospital

2011 Membership Directory Address Changes

Please mark this retiree address missed in your directories:

◆ **Fredrick Sawchuk, MD**
Orthopaedic Surgery
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ELECTED 2012 NEW CCMS OFFICERS

- ◆ Secretary/Treasurer
Satya Chaparala, MD
- ◆ Two New Trustees through 2014
Patrick Sweeney, MD
Chris Flynn, MD

2012 COUNTY DUES

Practicing physician members:
DON'T BE ON THE NON-PAYMENT OF DUES (NPD) LIST!!!

County dues are 100% tax deductible/ State dues are 85% tax deductible.

Multiple easy-payment options include the easy **GROUP BILL** to the practice. Dues are as follows:

- ◆ **\$275 County Society for regular members**
- ◆ **\$137.50 Spouse if other spouse is paying full dues**
- ◆ **\$137.50 Part-time less than 20hrs/wk**
- ◆ **MSMS dues will be \$495. AMA dues (Optional) will be \$420.**
- ◆ **Retiree county invoices were mailed in January. Retirees state dues are free.**

MSMS THIRD DISTRICT REPORT

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(The Committee discussed how PGIP initiatives align with several of the MSMS Future of Medicine principles, including Primary Care, Quality & Safety, and Health Care Stewardship.) Also, the Committee expressed to the Board an interest in exploring more in the areas of care management, clinical integration models, and the CAVE specialty performance reward program.

Governor Appoints Physicians to Board of Medicine

MSMS annually nominates physicians to serve on the Michigan Board of Medicine to foster physician leadership and advance its Future of Medicine strategic priority of Quality & Safety. On January 25, **Governor Rick Snyder** appointed four

physician members to the **Michigan Board of Medicine: Mohammed A. Arsiwala, MD**, a Wayne County internist; **James D. Rogers, MD**, a Genesee County cardiovascular surgeon; **Dennis C. Szymanski, MD**, a Berrien County neurosurgeon; and **Rosalie Tocco-Bradley, MD**, a Washtenaw County anesthesiologist. The Governor reappointed Chair **Richard E. Burney, MD**, a Washtenaw County general surgeon.

Additional physician members of the Board of Medicine include: **Oliver G. Cameron, MD, PhD**, a Washtenaw County psychiatrist; **David L. Dull, MD**, a Kent County anesthesiologist; Vice Chair **Peter T. Graham, MD**, an Ingham County family physician; and **David S. Weingarden, MD**, a Macomb County physiatrist. The Board oversees the practice of medicine and serves as the state's licensing board. It includes 19 members: 10 physicians; one physician's assistant; and eight

public members.

Physicians Kick Off Executive Leadership Journey

On January 25th in Lansing, a class of nearly 50 physicians began their executive development and leadership training at the inaugural MSMS-MAG Physician Executive Development Program, moderated by MSMS Speaker of the House **Rose M. Ramirez, MD**, a Kent County family physician. (The Physician Executive Development Program helps advance the MSMS Future of Medicine strategic priorities related to Primary Care, Quality & Safety, and Health Care Resources Stewardship.)

MSMS President **Steven E. Newman, MD**, an Oakland County neurologist, explained how essential leadership by physicians is to the future of the profession.



2012 CCMS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

at the
5:30
meetings...

President - Lokesh R. Edara, MD

President-elect- Gunjana Bhandari, MD

Vice President - William J. Comai, DO

Secretary / Treasurer - Satya B. Chaparala, MD

Immediate Past

President - Mahesh C. Karamchandani, MD

3rd District Director / Legislative Chair - John G. Bizon, MD

Michigan Society of Hematology & Oncology - Stephen L. Smiley, MD

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Sridhar Chalasani, MD, exp. 2012

Maddur Badarinath, MD, exp. 2012

Zarius Drummond, MD, exp. 2013

Karl Loomis, MD, exp. 2013

Christopher M. Flynn, MD, exp. 2014

Patrick Sweeney, exp. 2014

MSMS Delegates (1-Year Term)

Raakesh C. Bhan, MD

B. Douglas Campbell, MD

James H. Timmons, MD, PhD

Paul A. Walk, MD

Alternate Delegates (1-Year Term)

Daniel C. Hood, MD

Jeff M. Jones, MD

Tarek Elshaarawy, MD

Rachel D. Yankama, MD

Elkmoss Corner: "Another Day in Paradise"

It is no secret that I detest winter in Moss State. I have griped about it for years and the older I get, the worse it seems. One of my elderly patients, after listening to me grumble about how global warming had not come close to affecting our winters, finally pointed out that I had a choice in coming back to Moss State and should quit whining about it.

It was shortly after that, in the early part of November, that I got up early to make rounds on Sunday morning. The evening before, we had the first snowfall of the season. That is the storm when the snow is not deep, but really slushy, and everyone has forgotten how to drive in icy conditions. Folks slide and run into each other, then off the roads!

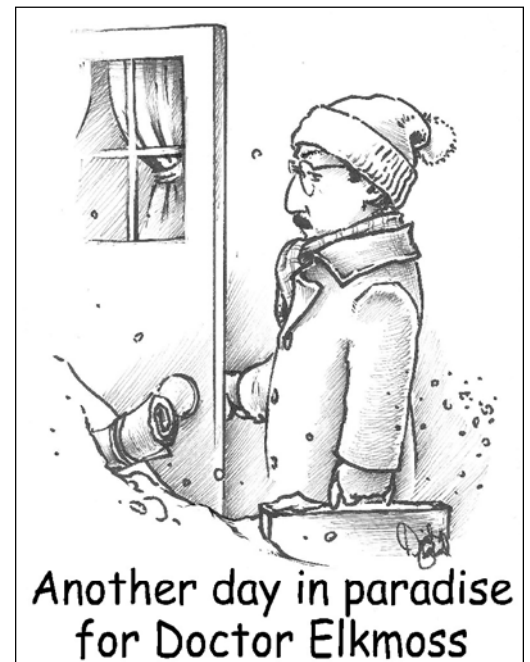
I had anticipated a somewhat hectic day because of the weather, but also our church choir was going to sing a particularly difficult anthem, and it was important (since my singing capabilities are somewhat limited) that I got to practice on time. In addition, I had to

pick up another choir member, Michael, a neat guy who is a chronic schizophrenic but delightful to have in the choir, particularly when he does not take his medicines correctly. I was further concerned when I saw that I had to see a consult at an outlying hospital, normally about a half-hour drive from Swampville. The most irritating thing about the consult was that it was for someone with a chronic disorder that had nothing to do with why she was in the hospital. The patient should have been seen as an outpatient and saved in-patient hospital expenses that are much higher.

Undaunted with the task ahead of me, I left the house early and hurriedly made rounds at Moss Community Hospital. Most patients were actually awake, having been kept up by various activities in the hospital all night long, and seemed to accept my early morning questioning. I finished rounds and

carefully drove to the outlying hospital. About half-way there, I ran into trouble. Some poor soul had skidded off the road and then rolled back on to it. Thankfully, no one was hurt, but in the confusion of tow trucks, police cars, ambulances, and even a fire truck, no one was getting through.

After assessing the situation, I turned around and went all the way back to Swampville and took another road. That worked, but I was really in a foul mood when I got to the hospital entrance. On the front steps was a fellow in his late twenties smoking a cigarette—another one of my pet peeves. He smiled at me



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and jauntily said, “Hi, how’re you doing?”

There, in the dark, slushy, early morning, I stopped at the door and turned to this jovial guy and said in my most sarcastic voice, “Just fine. Another day in Paradise!”

He just smiled at that, took another puff on his cigarette, and said, “Yeah, I know what you mean. My wife just delivered our first baby!”

Stephen Covey in his self help books talks about “paradigm shifts,” and that is what happened to me. All of a sudden, in spite of the bad weather and a hurried schedule, I was grateful for the opportunity to participate in helping people. With enthusiasm, I then saw my consult and carefully drove back to Swampville to pick up Michael. We were fifteen minutes late to practice, but no one was upset (I told them I had a doctor’s excuse), least of all Michael.

And yes, the choir sounded wonderful—at least to me!



*Herman J.
Elkmoss,
MD*



A Year in Review

Community HealthCare Connections (CHC) has added programs and provided more services than ever in 2011. As the needs continue to grow, it has been necessary to increase CHC’s capacity. **In 2011, CHC served over 16,000 people, about 1,000 more than 2010!**

Throughout 2011, 1,726 people received health coverage under Plan A and 1,269 under Plan B. Over 2,500 received referral and advocacy services. More than 400 emergency department referrals and almost 200 hospital discharge referrals were helped.

Over 1,800 clients in need were able to receive \$7,360,540.35 in chronic medications for free. The *Lions Club Eyeglass Program* assisted over 100 clients in getting eyeglasses. More than 3,000 people were helped with medical transportation, short-term medications, durable medical equipment, and other medical needs through the *Health Assistance Fund*.

The free walk-in medical clinic and dental

programs continued to grow as well. **Over 3,000 patients received care at the Nursing Clinic, totaling 5,456 visits.** In addition, patients received 242 visits with our volunteer chiropractor. Almost 560 patients received 908 visits through our medical mobile clinic which started in April 2011. In our dental program, over 740 patients received urgent dental care while over 680 patients had cleanings and screenings. There are 70 children and young adults in the *Better Smiles for a Better World Orthodontia Program*.

As you can see, even with improving unemployment numbers, health needs continue to grow as people accept lower paying jobs and/or employers drop health coverage. Volunteer medical providers are still needed to travel with the mobile clinic or cover the home clinic. Donations continued to be needed to support CHC programs. Contact **Samantha Pearl** at **(269) 969-6461** or spearl@chconnections.org for more information.

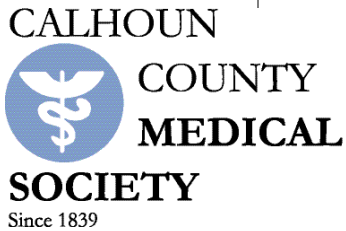


Donations Accepted

For your useful equipment and medication disposal, please consider donations to Community HealthCare Connections (formerly Nursing Clinic of Battle Creek).

Samantha Pearl.

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Visit www.mdpac.org/join.

As the legislative arm of the society who does most of the "heavy lifting," YOUR involvement in MDPAC is crucial, especially as the election season is upon us.

*John G. Bizou, MD,
 2012 President,
 MSMS*



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CONTACT/THANK YOU:

For further information contact Dr. Kari Formsma @ 269-274-1379. In October we contributed to a shipping container with almost \$1,000,000 worth of supplies sent to the Philippines!
Thanks for thinking of us!



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*Denis Waitley,
Author and
Lecturer*

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*Steven E.
Newman, MD,
2011 President,
MSMS*

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- **The MSMS Health Plan Contracting Toolkit**—includes an introductory highlight of the most critical aspects of health plan contracts, pointing out the importance of managing decision-making process regarding contracts. Also includes HMO financial reports, worksheets for tracking fees and payer rules, and explanations of

how to use the timely payment laws.

Legal & Regulatory Issues

- **The Physician’s Guide to Michigan Law**—Explains Michigan healthcare practice laws, Federal healthcare laws, legal definitions of scope of practice for MDs & DOs, and more.
- **MSMS Compliance Checklist**—Offers explanations and practical tips and serves as an early warning system to doctors to avoid or detect fraud.

Legal Alerts and Legal Checklists are available

upon request offering explanations, tips, along with lists to help physicians through rules and regulations.

Miscellaneous Resources

Durable Power of Attorney forms, End-of-Life Patient Support CD, CME Record folder and Starting or Joining a Practice

To have any questions or any of the above mailed to you, please contact **Josh Richmond** at 517-336-5787 or jrichmond@msms.org.



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CALHOUN COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETY

* 2012 SECOND-TUESDAY MEETINGS *

EXEC. CMTE. 5:30 P.M.: Bronson Battle Creek OPC 2ND Fl Brd Rm, or Oaklawn Hosp Wright Med Bldg Garden Level Brd Rm

GEN. MEMB. 6:30 P.M.: Bronson Battle Creek Outpt Ctr 2ND Fl Conf Rms 1&2, or Oaklawn Hosp Wright Med Bldg 3RD Fl Clsrm

Feb. 14 – Bronson B.C.

Mar. 13 – Bronson B.C.

Apr. 10 – Bronson B.C.

May 8 – Oaklawn Hospital

June 12 – Bronson B.C.

Sept. 11 – Bronson B.C.

Oct. 9 – B.C. Country Club,

HCLF Winslow Lectureship

Nov. 13 – Bronson B.C.

TBA – President’s Celebration

A cut-out card for your convenience

MSMS/MAG Offers **PHYSICIAN EXECUTIVE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM**

Wed., Mar. 7, 2012 8:00 A.M.—4:00 P.M.

At The James B. Henry Center for Executive Development, Lansing, MI 3535 Forest Road, 48910

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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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