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PRESIDENT'S BALL -
*NOVEMBER 22ND 2025***



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Our Vision

That the Genesee County Medical Society maintain its position as the premier medical society by advocating on behalf of its physician members and patients.

Our Mission

The mission of the Genesee County Medical Society is leadership, advocacy, education, and service on behalf of its members and their patients.

PLEASE NOTE

The GCMS Nominating Committee seeks input from members for nominations for the GCMS Presidential Citation for Lifetime Community Service. The Committee would like to be made aware of candidates for consideration.

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GCMS Meetings

Recessed July and August

Practice Manager Meeting

September 11th, 2025
9:00A.M

Board of Directors

September 23rd , 2025
6:00 P.M.

Medical Society Foundation Board Meeting

September , 2025
6:00 P.M.

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*A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT &
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A Proud Moment for Genesee County Medical Society

The Genesee County Medical Society is an organization that has been in existence since 1841. For the first time in the history of the organization, the President of the American Medical Association is from Genesee County and a current Board Member of GCMS.

Dr. Bobby Mukkamala is a past President of GCMS serving a 1-year term 2011-2012. Dr. Mukkamala also served as President of the Michigan State Medical Society serving a 1-year term 2020-2021. Rebecca Blake from The Michigan State Medical Society quoted “Dr. Mukkamala is one of the strongest political physicians in the state of Michigan”.

Dr. Bobby Mukkamala was very instrumental leading Genesee County through the period of Covid. He provided the necessary knowledge on several local news casts navigating the residents of Genesee County how to be safe during the uncertain period of Covid. Just prior to the start of a live GCMS Board meeting, the local news arrived to interview Dr. Mukkamala in the parking lot.

Dr. Bobby Mukkamala along with his wife Dr. Nita Kulkarni have been involved representing physician as strong advocates in Michigan. Dr. Kulkarni serves on the Board of Directors for the Michigan State Medical Society.

It has been stated many times; the position of Executive Director for the Genesee County Medical Society is a position with no boundaries. The month of June, 2025 was no exception, taking GCMS to the Windy City of Chicago, Illinois. June 10, 2025, GCMS Board Member Dr. Bobby Mukkamala was inaugurated as the 180th President of the AMA. Dr. Mukkamala is the 7th President of the AMA from Michigan and the first from Genesee County.

Genesee County was well represented by physicians attending the AMA House of Delegates meeting, to witness the historic inauguration. Those Physicians in attendance were:

Dr. Nita Kulkarni

Dr. Apparao Mukkamala

Dr. Sumathi Mukkamala

Dr. Paul Kocheril (current GCMS President)

Dr. Sosa Kocheril

Dr. Michael Danic (GCMS Board Member & President Elect)

Dr. Omar Habib (GCMS Board Member)

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Dr. George Dass

Dr. Asif Ishaque

Dr. Laura Carravallah

Dr. Mehmet Agabigum

Dr. Farhan Khan

Dr. Jawad Shah

Dr. Vivekanand Palavali

Many others were also in attendance including Dr. Nita Kulkarni’s parents and Dr. Bobby Mukkamala’s sister and other relatives.

Dr. Bobby Mukkamala had a beautiful inauguration and delivered a 23-minute heartwarming inauguration speech which is available on You Tube for viewing (recorded by the AMA):

[AMA President Bobby Mukkamala, MD, Inaugural Speech | 2025 AMA Annual Meeting](#)

I would encourage all readers of the Bulletin to view this 23-minute recording from the AMA.

The inauguration speech was delivered to a standing room only crowd of over 1000 in attendance. Dr. Mukkamala received a standing ovation for his very personal and heartfelt inauguration speech.

Wednesday June 11, 2025 Genesee County Medical Society hosted a breakfast for all attendees from Genesee County. There were over 20 attendees for the breakfast. This was a beautiful way to end a perfect inauguration and share the joy with all Genesee County attendees. The comradery of the breakfast was fantastic!

The Genesee County Medical Society will be hosting a Town Hall Meeting September 17, 2025.

“Come Meet the President of the AMA” is open to all GCMS members, physicians in Michigan,

and all healthcare workers. There is no charge to attend, a buffet dinner will be provided by GCMS. Please see the flyer located in this Bulletin. You must RSVP to:

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The Genesee County Medical Society is proud of our AMA President!

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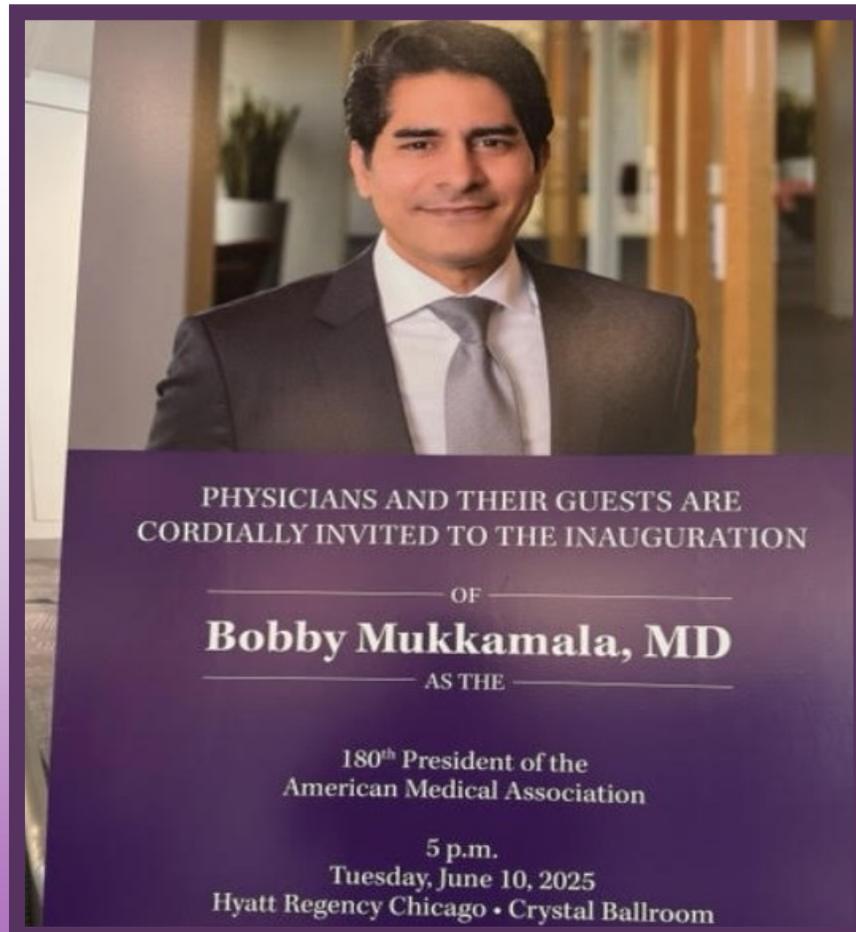
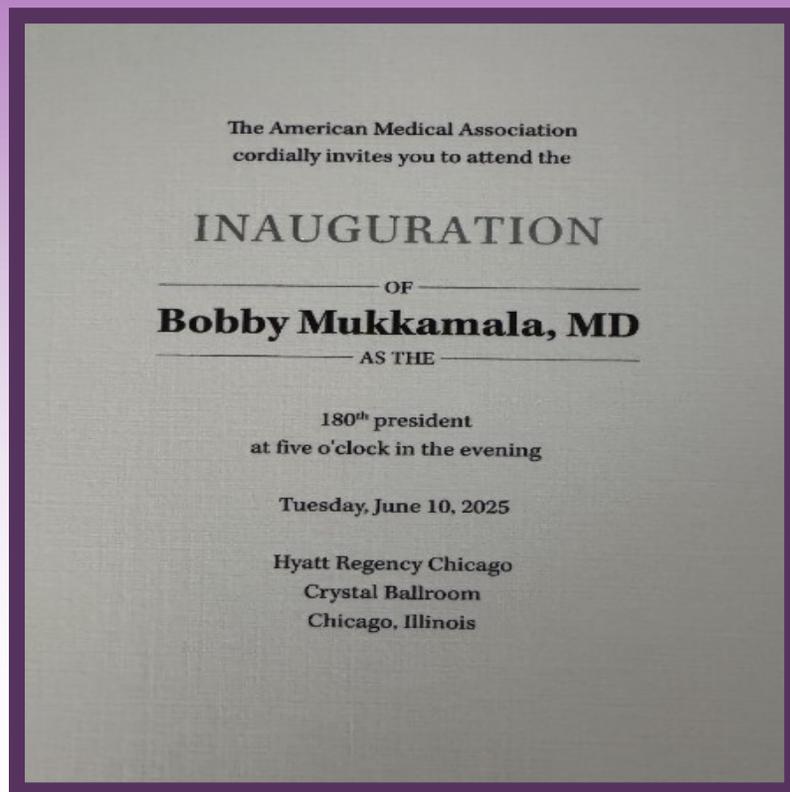


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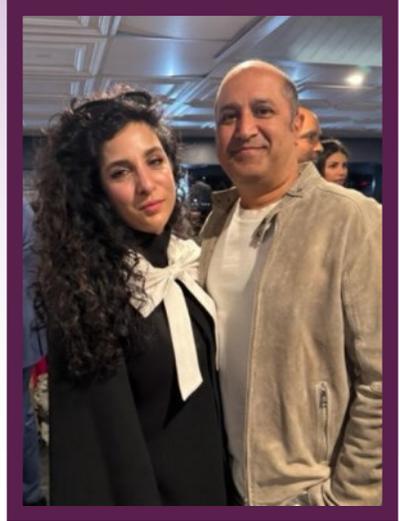






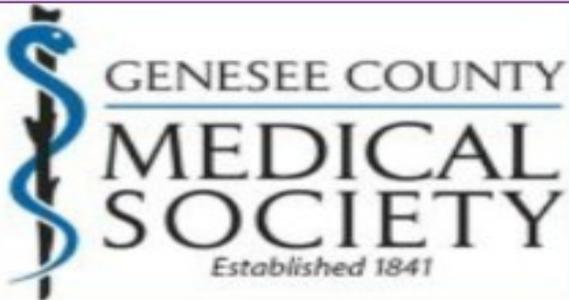






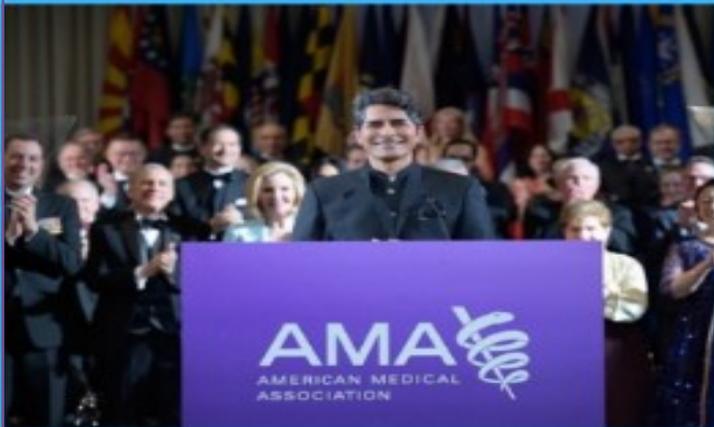


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**Genesee County Medical Society Proudly Presents:
A Town Hall Meeting
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6:00pm - 8:30pm**

**“Come Meet The President of the AMA”
AMA President and Past GCMS President
Dr. Bobby Mukkamala**



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Hello everyone. I hope you are enjoying the beautiful Michigan weather. This year's GCMSA Geranium Luncheon took place on May 20, 2025, at the Warwick Hills Golf and Country Club, where outgoing Co-Presidents Vijay Sayal and Joydawn Hardman transferred leadership to Amanda Bauer.

It was an honor and privilege to serve the Alliance for the past three years, first as secretary and later as President. GCMSA's community work has been enriching, with donations to a YWCA woman's shelter, participation in Peace Day events, and listening to the inspirational essays, written by school children being the highlight. Other endeavors include donating books to children through our Reach Out and Read program, volunteering to raise funds for the Genesee County Free Medical Clinic by participating in the Healing Hands 5K run/walk and organizing educational women's health talks. My best wishes to our next GCMSA President, Amanda Bauer. Thanks to JoyDawn Hardman for her Co-Presidency. I encourage GCMS members to involve their spouses in the Alliance by becoming members or serving on a committee. Wishing you all a great summer. Thank you.



Vijay Lakshmi Sayal - President GCMSA





GUEST ARTICLE



COVID certainly took a toll on the healthcare industry in the past few years. Physician Burnout and Administrative Burnout has only escalated. While I see the effects of Physician Burnout, I can't speak much on that topic. Administrative Burnout, I've become an expert.

While I believe COVID attributed to the Burnout in general, because we were overwhelmed and exhausted, I do not believe it's the core of the problem. COVID was just a catalyst. I don't have any statistics regarding Administrative Burnout... just my own experience.

I'm a Medical Biller. My job, by design, is to make sure claims are paid and my providers are being compensated for services performed. I can be ruthless when it comes to making sure my providers are paid correctly by Insurance companies. I leave no money on the table. This has become a more challenging task over the past few years. I'll only mention a few in this article that have affected me personally.

- HOLD times with payers may be the #1 cause of burnout! Just my opinion...
- Insurance payer policy changes
- Insurance benefits; deductibles, coinsurance, and copays
- Prior Authorizations

Trying to reach Insurance Payers has become a logistical nightmare. It is a sad day when the only way you can get a response, is to post your issue on social media. The telephone number they give you to call... I don't think I need to go into further detail about the phone "trees". "REPRESENTATIVE". Yes, I've yelled that myself.

Policy changes can take place and you may not even know it. The payers always tell you, "Go to our website. We posted it there." Currently, I have 183 payers in my system. I'd spend all day going to everyone of them to try and keep up with their websites.

Patient benefits change yearly. Insurance companies notify patients about benefits as well as they notify the physician office. "We emailed the information out". They are very confusing. Patients get upset when they don't understand AND they owe more than expected. I have one insurance company that has a copay of \$45. However, if you get an EKG done that day as well, the **copay** goes up to \$65. The EKG is \$13. Try and explain that to the patient.

Prior authorizations are the bane of existence in the medical field. Outside of being on HOLD, this would probably be top tier. While I understand the theory behind them, to keep physicians from performing unnecessary testing/procedures, they have also hindered the necessary testing/procedures. Most insurances don't even handle their own prior authorizations. They have hired third party companies. Those third parties will advise whether the provider is able to provide treatment or not. Let me rephrase that... they will advise the provider whether they will be paid for said treatment or not. Those are very different things.

These are just a couple of items on the list. I'm not sure this bulletin has enough space for my thoughts. We will save them for another time.

While it really is hard to keep up with the changing times in the healthcare industry. I can't imagine doing else. Yes, I have bad days. Yes, I yell at the Representative that is not even on the other end of line. Yes, I get frustrated when my claim is denied. But, for me personally, it's a challenge. I enjoy winning that appeal. I enjoy proving the prior authorization was obtained and the claim is payable. Even though it was denied for no authorization. I enjoy spending 3 years to get paid by an insurance company because I know the claim was billed correctly and there was a glitch in their system. I, especially, enjoy explaining the patients benefits so they understand them. Not them reading off a pamphlet or email. The, "Thank you for explaining that to me. That makes sense now" makes my day. I enjoy fighting this fight.

Administrative Burnout has become very prevalent. You have to have support along the way. No one, and I mean no one, can navigate this industry without help. The Genesee County Medical society provides that on a monthly basis. These meetings give us the chance to address our issues and see that we are not alone.

Renee' Adkins

Medical Reimbursement Specialist

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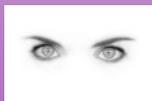
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Men tend to have shorter lifespans than women and are often less likely to seek medical care. According to the CDC, men die at higher rates from nine of the top ten causes of death, including heart disease, cancer, and unintentional injuries. Additionally, men are more likely to engage in risky behaviors, less likely to get regular check-ups, and may experience societal pressure to ignore symptoms or "tough it out."

Men face a unique set of health challenges that often go unaddressed, contributing to shorter average lifespans compared to women. **Heart disease**, the leading cause of death among men in the United States, is responsible for 1 in every 4 male deaths, and is often linked to factors like high blood pressure, high cholesterol, smoking, and poor diet. **Prostate cancer**, which affects 1 in 8 men during their lifetime, remains one of the most common cancers in men, with early detection through PSA screenings greatly improving outcomes. **Mental health** is another critical issue; men die by suicide nearly four times more often than women yet are significantly less likely to seek professional help for conditions like depression and anxiety. Rising rates of **diabetes and obesity** are also a concern, with over 40% of American men considered obese, increasing their risk for complications such as kidney disease, nerve damage, and cardiovascular issues. In terms of **cancer awareness**, men are also at high risk for lung, colorectal, skin, and testicular cancers, making regular screenings and preventive care essential. Men's Health Month encourages men to be proactive in managing these risks through regular check-ups, healthy lifestyle choices, and open discussions about their well-being.

The Michigan Men's Health Foundation, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, is dedicated to men's health advocacy and the awareness, education, research, and treatment of prostate cancer and men's health related issues. The foundation offers guidance, funding and information for men looking to improve their health outcomes. A health checklist, covering many of the most common conditions men face is a good guide to follow when assessing your health and what you may need to have done. You can find more at <https://michiganmenshealthfoundation.org>.

Organizations, healthcare providers, and communities across the country host events, offer free screenings, and share resources throughout June. One popular initiative is Wear Blue Day, where people don blue clothing to show support and spark conversations about men's health. There are many events around the state, including a series of Dad Cafés hosted by MDHHS, [CLICK HERE](#) for the July 10th event in Muskegon, MI and [CLICK HERE](#) for the August 1st event in Benton Harbor, MI.

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New App

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3/4/2025

Important Update: MMR Vaccination Guidelines

We are deeply saddened by the recent death of a child in Texas due to measles, a disease that can be prevented through vaccination. This loss reminds us how important it is to protect our communities.

Texas is currently facing a measles outbreak with 146 confirmed cases as of February 28th. This situation is a stark reminder that measles is still a serious threat, even though it was thought to be eliminated in the U.S. in 2000.

Vaccines are our best defense against measles. The MMR vaccine, when given in two doses at the appropriate time, stops over 97% of measles infections. Our community is vulnerable, with an [81% MMR vaccination](#) rate which is significantly lower than recommended rate for community immunity. This makes it one of our most powerful tools to keep people healthy.

To help our healthcare teams respond to this situation, we are sharing an important update on vaccination guidelines. This information will help us better serve and protect our community during this challenging time.

MMR Vaccination Guidelines

Presumed Immunity and Vaccination Recommendations:

- Adults born before 1957 are generally presumed to have immunity to measles, mumps, and rubella.
- Healthcare workers should receive 2 doses of MMR vaccine.
- Certain medical conditions may require 2 doses of MMR as per CDC guidelines.
- The minimum spacing is 28 days.

Special Considerations:

- Adults vaccinated in the 1960s with an inactivated or unknown type of measles vaccine should receive at least one dose of MMR.

Current Childhood Immunization Schedule:

- One dose of the MMR vaccine is 93% protective against measles.
- There is currently no need to deviate from the current recommended childhood immunization schedule.
- Children can wait until age 4 for the second dose, especially given no evidence of transmission in our community.
- One dose will also help protect against severe disease if infected.

Early Vaccination for Infants:

- There is no need to start vaccination earlier than age 1 given the current state of the outbreak. We will notify you immediately if this recommendation changes.



- CDC recommends that infants >6 months and <12 years who are **traveling internationally** should receive a dose of MMR vaccine prior to travel.
- Given the current outbreak, we recommend this dose for infants **traveling** with their parents to **West Texas**.
- Any dose given before 12 months does **NOT** count toward the MMR series (0 dose).
- Children will still need two doses following the normal childhood immunizations schedule.

Contraindications:

MMR and other live vaccines should NOT be given to individuals with:

- Pregnancy
- HIV infection with CD4 count <15% or <200m
- Severe immunodeficiency (consult with healthcare provider)
- Certain immunosuppressant medications, including:
 - High-dose steroids (≥2 weeks of daily 20 mg or 2 mg/kg body weight of prednisone or equivalent)
 - Specific biologics (e.g., Humira)
 - Chemotherapy
- Recent receipt of antibody-containing blood products (within past 11 months)

Additional Resources:

- [Measles, Mumps, and Rubella \(MMR\) Vaccination | CDC](#)
- [Measles Preparedness Toolkit](#)

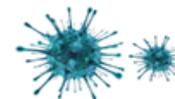
We will continue to monitor the situation closely and provide updates as necessary. For comprehensive information on contraindications and precautions, please consult our [immunizations team](#) or refer to official [CDC guidelines](#).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Michela Corsi'.

Michela Corsi, MD, MPH, MA
Medical Director, Genesee County Health Department

Measles Preparedness Toolkit



Genesee County Health Department created a measles preparedness toolkit. The health care providers guide to in-office testing and prevention guidelines include information regarding:

Toolkit Contents:

- Infection control and prevention
- Post-exposure prophylaxis
- How to report cases to the health department
- Tips for phone screening in your office
- Best practices for infection prevention
- Testing, procedures, and reporting assistance
- Sources/helpful links to fact sheets and more

Email jherman@geneseecountymi.gov to request an electronic toolkit, or download it directly from the Genesee County Health Department website using the link and QR code below.

Measles is a highly contagious, acute viral illness that begins with fever, cough, runny nose, and conjunctivitis lasting 2-4 days prior to rash onset. The rash typically occurs 3-5 days after symptoms begin and appears first on the face and spreads down the body.

The fact that 5.9% of school-aged children in Genesee County have vaccination waivers, coupled with 28% of eligible children being unvaccinated, puts us at risk of a measles outbreak.

Strongly recommend that eligible patients get vaccinated. If you don't offer vaccinations, advise them to make an appointment with the Genesee County Health Department or, for those over age 3, to visit their local pharmacy.

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Contact Us

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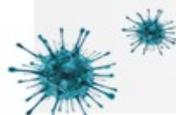
Communicable Disease Department

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Scan the QR code for provider resources, the measles preparedness toolkit, and more



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EXCITING NEWS FROM THE MICHIGAN STATE MEDICAL SOCIETY...

The Michigan State Medical Society is excited to announce a significant enhancement to the benefits of membership. **Beginning December 2, 2024, the Michigan State Medical Society (MSMS) will offer FREE Continuing Medical Education (CME) to all active members*.**

MSMS aims to support the professional development of all Michigan physicians and ensure access to the latest medical knowledge and practices. MSMS offers a diverse range of educational offerings to help physicians stay informed and compliant with all licensure requirements in an ever-evolving health care landscape. This new membership benefit provides **a value of more than \$8000**. MSMS invites you to deepen your impact and become engaged in the dynamic changes taking place in Michigan's medical landscape by becoming a member of MSMS.

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Osteopathic Physician (DO) Licensure Requirements

Each osteopathic physician is required to accumulate 150 hours of continuing education in activities approved by the board during the 3 years immediately preceding the application for renewal of which a minimum of 60 hours of the required 150 hours must be earned through Category 1 programs. Following are other license requirements for:

Controlled Substance Licenses:

Opioids and Other Controlled Substances Awareness Training Standards for Prescribers and Dispensers of Controlled Substances

This is a one-time training that is separate from continuing education for an individual seeking a controlled substance license or who is licensed to prescribe or dispense controlled substances.

Licenses that prescribe or dispense controlled substances who renewed in 2019 must complete training by January 2023; renewals for 2020 by 2024, renewals for 2021 by 2025. Beginning in September 2019, completion of the training is a requirement for initial licensure.

Training content must cover all of the following topics:

- ◆ Use of opioids and other controlled substances.
- ◆ Integration of treatments.
- ◆ Alternative treatments for pain management.
- ◆ Counseling patients on the effects and risks associated with using opioids and other controlled substances.
- ◆ The stigma of addiction.
- ◆ Utilizing the Michigan Automated Prescription System (MAPS).
- ◆ State and federal laws regarding prescribing and dispensing controlled substances.
- ◆ Security features and proper disposal requirements for prescriptions.

For Medical Licenses:

Training Standards for Identifying Victims of Human Trafficking

This is a one-time training that is separate from continuing education. Licensees renewing for 2017 must complete training by renewal in 2020; renewals for 2018 by 2021, and renewals for 2019 by 2022. Beginning in 2021, completion of the training is a requirement for initial licensure.

Training content shall cover all of the following:

- ◆ Understanding the types and venues of human trafficking in this state or the United States.
- ◆ Identifying victims of human trafficking in health care settings.
- ◆ Identifying the warning signs of human trafficking in health care settings for adults and minors.
- ◆ Resources for reporting the suspected victims of human trafficking.

Education on Pain and Symptom Management

A minimum of 3 hours of continuing education every 3-year relicensure cycle. At least 1 of the 3 hours must include controlled substances prescribing.

Continuing education hours may include, but are not limited to, any of the following areas:

- ◆ Public health burden of pain.
- ◆ Ethics and health policy related to pain.
- ◆ Michigan pain and controlled substance laws.
- ◆ Pain definitions.
- ◆ Basic sciences related to pain including pharmacology.
- ◆ Clinical sciences related to pain.
- ◆ Specific pain conditions.
- ◆ Clinical physician communication related to pain.
- ◆ Management of pain, including evaluation and treatment and nonpharmacological and pharmacological management.
- ◆ Ensuring quality pain care and controlled substances prescribing.
- ◆ Michigan programs and resources relevant to pain.

Medical Ethics

A minimum of one-hour of continuing education every 3-year relicensure cycle.

Implicit Bias

A minimum of 3 hours every 3-year relicensure cycle. New licensees need 2 hours within the 5 years immediately preceding.

Renewals from June 1, 2022 – May 31, 2023, need 1 hour; renewals from June 1, 2023 – May 31, 2024, need 2 hours; renewals from June 1, 2024 – May 31, 2025, need 3 hours. Then after, every 3-year renewal cycle will need to report 3 hours. (Any hours after June 2021 can be used.)

Training must include strategies to reduce disparities in access to and delivery of health care services and the administration of pre- and post-test implicit bias assessments.

Acceptable modalities of training include asynchronous teleconference or webinars, in addition to live activities and live webinars.

Training content must include, but is not limited to, 1 or more of the following topics:

- ◆ Information on implicit bias, equitable access to health care, serving a diverse population, diversity and inclusion initiatives, and cultural sensitivity.
- ◆ Strategies to remedy the negative impact of implicit bias by recognizing and understanding how it impacts perception, judgment, and actions that may result in inequitable decision making, failure to effectively communicate, and result in barriers and disparities in the access to and delivery of health care services.
- ◆ The historical basis and present consequences of implicit biases based on an individual's characteristics.
- ◆ Discussion of current research on implicit bias in the access to and delivery of health care services.

Medical Doctor (MD) Licensure Requirements

Each medical doctor is required to complete 150 hours of continuing education in courses or programs approved by the board of which a minimum 75 hours of the required 150 hours must be earned in courses or programs designated as Category 1 programs. Other license requirements are listed here:

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Cancellation/Refund Policies

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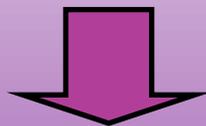
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Upcoming MSMS Events

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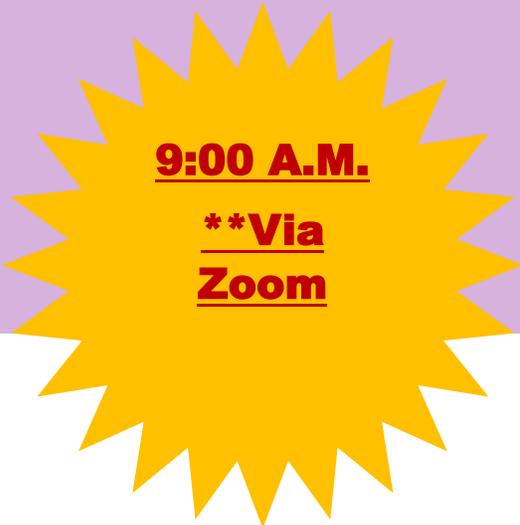
Stay up to date!!!!!!



[Calendar of Events](#)

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ATTENTION

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9:00 A.M.

****Via
Zoom**

**ATTENTION: PRACTICE MANAGERS
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**Genesee County Medical Society addresses issues of concern
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NEXT MEETING DATE:

September 11th, 2025— 9:00 A.M.

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WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2025

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Hurley Medical Center presents:

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SPEAKER:

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WHAT CLINICIANS NEED TO KNOW

Legislation was signed in April 2022 through the support of the MSMS-initiated and led Health Can't Wait, a coalition with more than 50 healthcare, clinician, and patient advocacy organizations. This legislation puts more control back in the hands of clinicians and patients.

Public Act 60 of 2022 provides prior authorization (PA) reform with the goal of a quicker, more effective, and more transparent process. It does not repeal PA.

All provisions will be fully in effect as of **June 1, 2023**, including major components such as electronic submission and faster timelines.

These reforms apply to health care insurers (and their contracted third-party vendors) and healthcare professionals whose beneficiaries/patients have commercial insurance policies regulated by the Michigan Department of Insurance and Financial Services. **They do not impact Medicaid, Medicare, Medicare Advantage, or self-funded plans.**

Check insurers' provider news, updates, portals, etc. to learn of any new processes related to online submission, appeals, eligibility, and PA requirements related to the law's implementation.

Please review the key provisions below for additional details and requirements.

Electronic Submissions

Beginning June 1, 2023:

- Insurers **must provide** an online method through which practitioners can electronically submit PA requests for any benefits requiring PA, including prescription drugs. Facsimiles do not count as an acceptable method.
- Physicians and other health care professionals **must submit** PA requests electronically. The only exception is for a temporary technological or electrical failure.

Timeliness of Decisions

	Urgent		Non-Urgent	
	Timeframe	Considered Granted	Timeframe	Considered Granted
Beginning June 1, 2023	Acted upon within 72 hours	Insurer fails to act after 72 hours	Within nine (9) calendar days	Insurer fails to act after nine (9) calendar days
After May 1, 2024	Acted upon within 72 hours	Insurer fails to act after 72 hours	Within seven (7) calendar days	Insurer fails to act after seven (7) calendar days
Valid for	A minimum of 60 days or the length of time that's clinically appropriate, whichever is longer			

NOTE: If you are requested to provide additional information, it is important to do so as quickly as possible as the turnaround time noted above will reset and the insurer will be required to make a determination following the receipt of the additional information within the prescribed timelines for urgent or non-urgent requests.

Review by Peers

Puts conditions on health care practitioners reviewing appeals (e.g., no financial stake in decision, not involved in prior denial, etc.). Any adverse determinations regarding a PA request for a non-pharmacy benefit must be made by a licensed physician and by a physician or pharmacist for a pharmacy benefit. If a denial is appealed, the denial cannot be affirmed unless it has been reviewed by a licensed physician who is board-certified or eligible in the same specialty as the service provided. An exception is allowed if finding such an individual would delay a decision within the required timeframe. In this instance, a physician in a similar general specialty could be utilized.

Clinical Validity

PA requirements must be based on peer-reviewed clinical review criteria. The criteria must:

- Take into account the needs of atypical patient populations and diagnoses.
- Reflect community standards of care.
- Ensure quality of care and access to needed health care services.
- Be evidence-based criteria.
- Be publicly available free of charge.
- Be sufficiently flexible to allow deviations from norms when justified on a case-by-case basis.
- Be evaluated and updated, if necessary, at least annually.

Transparency

PA requirements, including amendments, must be publicly and conspicuously posted online within a specified timeline. Insurers are also required to submit an annual report to the Michigan Department of Insurance and Financial Services (DIFS) which must include aggregated trend data related to the insurer's PA practices and experience for the prior plan year. DIFS shall post an annual report with aggregated data by October 1 of each year.

In cases of PA denials, the health care professional must be notified of the reasons for the denial and related evidence-based criteria, their right to appeal, instructions on how to file the appeal, and any other documentation necessary to support the appeal.

Gold Carding

Insurers are required to adopt a program that promotes the modification of certain PA requirements based on health care professionals' adherence to nationally recognized evidence-based medical guidelines and other quality guidelines.

Health Can't Wait is a coalition of patients, physicians, and health care providers dedicated to putting Michigan patients first and ending delays in patients' access to health care:

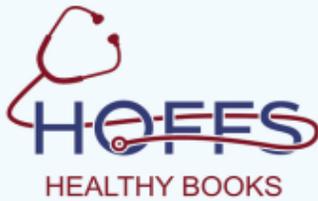
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Your Membership at Work

- ◆ GCMS hosts monthly Practice Manager's meeting discussing complicated insurance issues in round table discussions with various insurance companies. If you find on-going insurance issues, please reach out to GCMS staff at executivedirector@gcms.org and we can connect that insurance company representative with our hard working Practice Managers.
- ◆ GCMS staff helped Genesee County residents with contacts, resources and explanations.
- ◆ GCMS Membership Committee has collaborated and has a plan in place to reach out to and meet with various practices in Genesee County. If you have colleagues that are not yet GCMS members, please connect with them!
**** A flyer of GCMS benefits can be provided to you.

MSMS Resource Guide



*For information on the topics listed here, dial 517/336-plus the four digit extension (unless full number is provided).
For information on a topic not listed here, call MSMS at 517/337-1351 or 800/352-1351.*

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American Osteopathic Association..	312/202-8000
Drug Enforcement Agency.....	202/307-1000
Medicaid Provider Inquiry, Medicare Customer Service.....	800/292-2550
MI Board of Medicine.....	517/335-0918
MI Board of Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery.....	517/335-0918
MI Department of Health and Human Services • Local.....	517/373-3740
• Toll free.....	800/292-2550
MI Health Prof. Recovery Corp.....	800/453-3784

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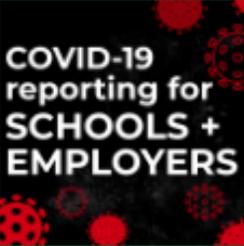
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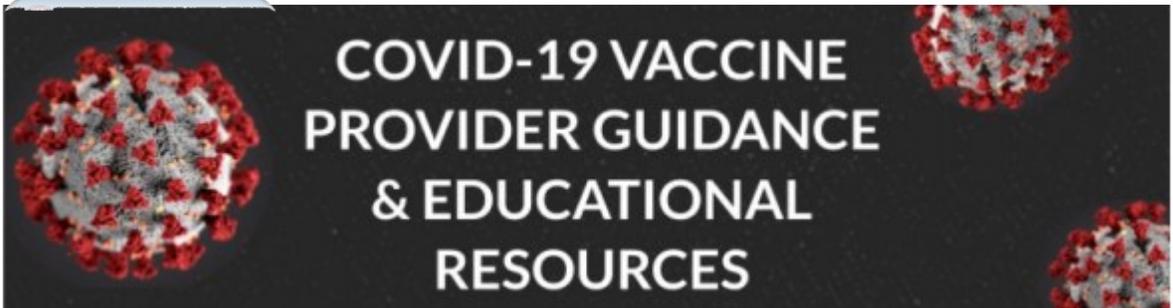
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Resource Calendars



<https://gfhc.org/programs/c2f/>



Mainstreaming Addiction Treatment Act/Medication Access and Training Expansion Act and Corresponding State Modifications

June 21, 2023

To all controlled substance licensees:

Most practitioners are now aware that Congress has passed the Mainstreaming Addiction Treatment (MAT) Act that removed the federal "DATA 2000" or "DATA-Waiver Program," and the Medication Access and Training Expansion (MATE) Act that established a one-time training on substance use disorder for practitioners who prescribe controlled substances when they obtain or renew their Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) registration. In light of these changes, which are intended to educate practitioners and reduce barriers to obtaining medications for opioid use disorder (OUD) by eliminating burdens on providers who currently prescribe medications and new providers who wish to treat patients with OUD, the Bureau of Professional Licensing (BPL) would like to convey the following corresponding changes at the state level:

- The new DEA one-time 8-hour training requirement is effective June 27, 2023. Effective on this date, or the date on which the DEA requires the 8-hour training in the event the effective date is delayed, and until further notice, a practitioner required to attend a one-time opioid and controlled substances awareness training by the state's Controlled Substances Rules, may use the 8 hours of training that is accepted by the DEA for their controlled substances registration to also meet the state's required one-time training on opioids and other controlled substances awareness.
- In addition, R 338.3163 that limits prescribing, dispensing and administering a controlled substance to an individual with a substance use disorder will not be enforced by BPL until the rule is either modified or rescinded. This rule limited the circumstances under which a practitioner could treat an individual with substance use disorder, as well as the number of individuals that could be treated. All other laws and rules, both federal and state, must still be followed.

For more information about the elimination of the DATA-Waiver Program, and DEA's 8-hour substance disorder training, please refer to the following websites:

<https://www.samhsa.gov/medications-substance-use-disorders/removal-data-waiver-requirement>

https://www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/pubs/docs/MATE_training.html

! [MATE Training Letter Final.pdf \(usdoj.gov\)](#)

Questions may be sent to : BPLHelp@michigan.gov.

Thank you,

Bureau of Professional Licensing
Licensing Division



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- I am in my first year of practice post-residency.
- I am in my second year of practice post-residency.
- I am in my third year of practice post-residency.
- I have moved into Michigan; this is my first year practicing in the state.
- I work 20 hours or less per week.
- I am currently in active military duty.
- I am in full, active practice.
- I am a resident/fellow.

Male Female

First (legal) Name: _____ Middle Name: _____ Last Name: _____ MD DO

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Job Title: _____

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*Please base my county medical society membership on the county of my (if addresses are in different counties): Office Address Home Address

*Birth Date: ____ / ____ / ____ Birth Country _____ MI Medical License #: _____ ME #: _____

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• Secondary Specialty _____ Board Certified: Yes No

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Is your spouse a physician?: Yes No If yes, are they a member of MSMS?: Yes No

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Signature _____ Date: _____

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