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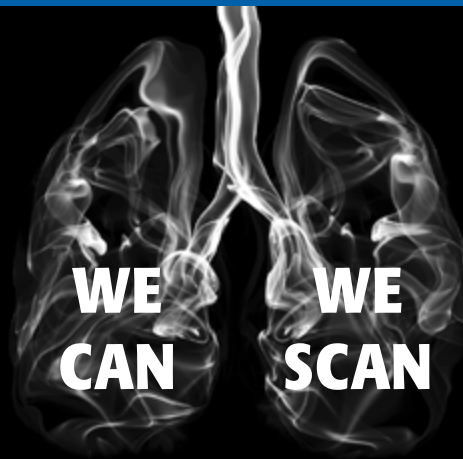
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That the Genesee County Medical Society maintain its position as the premier medical society by advocating on behalf of its physician members and patients.

### 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.

### THE BULLETIN

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## AS PHYSICIAN STAKEHOLDERS, OUR VOICES MUST BE HEARD

As I write this message, it is Nov. 9, 2016, the day after the U.S. Presidential Election. Like most of you, I am pleased to have the election come to an end after a seemingly endless election cycle of negative ads, negative social media and conflict with friends and relatives who may not have shared your political views. Prior to the election, each side seemed convinced that the other's election would imperil the nation's very survival. Such was the vitriol.

The votes have now been cast and counted. We have a new president-elect. Whether you are cheering or jeering, it is time to join our friends and relatives and move on to work together to make our country a better place.

How will this election, which has also resulted in single-party control of all branches of government, impact the Affordable Health Care Act of 2010? Prior to the election, this was perhaps one of the clearest distinctions between the two major candidates for president. The Democratic position, while acknowledging problems with the Act, was to try and fix them, while the Republican position was to repeal it and replace it. The election results clearly make it more likely that the Affordable Health Care Act may be at least partially repealed. So how do you replace or fix a health care system that, while laudable, has been shown to be increasingly flawed? According to the *Wall Street Journal*, "Many people signing up for 2016 health policies under the Affordable Care Act face higher premiums, fewer doctors and skimpier coverage, which threatens the appeal of the program for the subscribers that it needs." The *Wall Street Journal* further reports that "insurers have raised premiums steeply for the most popular plans at the same time that they have boosted out-of-pocket costs such as deductibles, copays, and coinsurance in many of their offerings. The companies attribute the moves in part to the high cost of some customers they are gaining under the law, which doesn't allow them to bar



*John Hebert, MD*

subscribers with preexisting health conditions."

Thus, insurers pulling out of the marketplace and the rising premiums for consumers are the two main issues.

There is consensus that flaws were written into the Affordable Care Act at the onset. The law's design has allowed Congress to subsidize insurance companies to limit their losses. Therefore, insurance companies have been forced to raise premium prices to make up for those losses.

Regardless of your views on the Affordable Health Care Act, there is a consistent conclusion that it has increased costs for individuals, families and business. Yet it has also achieved its principal goals of decreasing the number of uninsured people in the country and allowing those with preexisting conditions to obtain and keep coverage. The Act has helped at least 20 million Americans who were without to acquire insurance coverage.

Hopefully, this government realignment will prove to be an opportunity to effectively address the clearly identified concerns about the Affordable Care Act. One can only hope that the politicians will seize this opportunity to review and address these concerns. Whatever fix or repeal and replace strategy adopted, it must include the positive benefits produced by the ACA without significant interruption to the insured while addressing the particularity negative financial aspects that continue to threaten its viability. Cooperation between state and federal governments will be essential.

As physician stakeholders, our voices must be heard as a part of the ongoing dialogue to address whatever the Affordable Health Act evolves into or is replaced by. We must utilize organized medicine as our conduit to being heard on this issue while this is a high priority for the new administration.

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December is always a nice month. Families and friends get together. Houses are roastie toasty. We all indulge a little bit too much calorically, and it is the gift giving season. Hopefully, it is also a month for recharging and considering how lucky all of us who are involved in health care really are. Imagine your household without heat, without enough food and without safe water to drink. Obviously, in this community, all we must do is look around us to see how lucky we are.

We can look forward to an exciting year. There will be many changes according to our president-elect. Many of the changes will impact your own health insurance, and that of your patients. You can see that impact already in the stock prices for the Medicaid health insurance third-party entities. The impact on the poor could be dramatic, should there be a rescision of the Medicaid expansion and increases in deductibles under any of the proposed plans to replace parts of what is commonly called Obamacare. Fortunately, there are



*Peter Levine, MPH*

checks and balances to manage that change. It will not be easy for President Trump to sweep aside what took years of negotiations to create, but it could happen.

Dr. John Hebert, III, our new GCMS President, will lead this organization through whatever changes take place, just as Dr. Pino Colone did so ably last year. But through it all, we must pause to remember how lucky we all are, and enjoy the holidays.

During the gift giving season, if you are looking for a place to make donations, please keep the Medical Society Foundation in mind. You may donate in honor of family members, referring physicians, or for any other reason. The funds will be put to very good use.

In addition, if you have friends or colleagues who are not members of GCMS, please encourage them to join. The back page of The Bulletin always contains a membership application. Please feel free to pass the information along and put it to good use.


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September 20, 2016

Dear Genesee County Medical Society Members,

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Friday: 11:30am-9:00pm

Saturday: 5:00pm-9:00pm

Sunday-Monday: Closed

Cash and credit card payments are accepted. We hope you join us and we look forward to you being a part of the Flint Golf Club experience.

Sincerely,




***Bethany Herrick***  
Clubhouse Manager  
Flint Golf Club  
810-743-6100 ext 205

# DECEMBER 2016 CALENDAR

## FREE! Commit to Fit! Class Schedule

Commit to Fit offers fitness classes at **no cost** to all individuals who live or work in Flint and Genesee County. Fitness Centers require participants to be age 18 and older, other locations are open to all ages. See back side for details.

[Click HERE to Access the Nutrition Education & Resources Calendar](#)

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				<b>Enhance Fitness 1</b> Flint Farmers' Market 10:00 a.m. <b>Enhance Fitness</b> Faith United Methodist Church 12:30-1:30pm <b>Enhance Fitness</b> Triumph/North Star (MBC) 5:30-6:30pm <b>Basic Yoga</b> IHFC 6:45 p.m.	<b>Enhance Fitness 2</b> Hasselbring Senior Center 9:00 a.m. <b>Zumba®</b> U of M-Flint 5:30-6:30pm	
D E C E M B E R  2 0 1 6	<b>Enhance Fitness 5</b> Hasselbring Senior Center 9:00 a.m. <b>Senior Stretch</b> YMCA Downtown 10:00 a.m. <b>Enhance Fitness</b> Triumph/North Star(MBC) 6-7pm	<b>Enhance Fitness 6</b> Flint Farmers' Market 10:00 a.m. <b>Enhance Fitness</b> Faith United Methodist Church 12:30-1:30pm	<b>Enhance Fitness 7</b> Hasselbring Senior Center 9:00 a.m. <b>Crim Yoga After                      Work</b> Crim Fitness Foundation 5:15-6:15pm <b>Zumba Gold                      (Beginner)</b> GAC 5:30 p.m.	<b>Enhance Fitness 8</b> Flint Farmers' Market 10:00 a.m. <b>Enhance Fitness</b> Faith United Methodist Church 12:30-1:30pm <b>Enhance Fitness</b> Triumph/North Star (MBC) 5:30-6:30pm <b>Basic Yoga</b> IHFC 6:45 p.m.	<b>Enhance Fitness 9</b> Hasselbring Senior Center 9:00 a.m. <b>Zumba®</b> U of M-Flint 5:30-6:30pm	
	<b>Enhance Fitness 12</b> Hasselbring Senior Center 9:00 a.m. <b>Senior Stretch</b> YMCA Downtown 10:00 a.m. <b>Aqua Fitness</b> U of M-Flint 5:30pm <b>Enhance Fitness</b> Triumph/North Star(MBC) 6-7pm	<b>Enhance Fitness 13</b> Flint Farmers' Market 10:00 a.m. <b>Enhance Fitness</b> Faith United Methodist Church 12:30-1:30pm	<b>Enhance Fitness 14</b> Hasselbring Senior Center 9:00 a.m.  <b>Zumba Gold                      (Beginner)</b> GAC 5:30 p.m.	<b>Enhance Fitness 15</b> Flint Farmers' Market 10:00 a.m. <b>Enhance Fitness</b> Faith United Methodist Church 12:30-1:30pm <b>Enhance Fitness</b> Triumph/North Star (MBC) 5:30-6:30pm <b>Basic Yoga</b> IHFC 6:45 p.m.	<b>Enhance Fitness 16</b> Hasselbring Senior Center 9:00 a.m. <b>Zumba®</b> U of M-Flint 5:30-6:30pm	
	<b>Enhance Fitness 19</b> Hasselbring Senior Center 9:00 a.m. <b>Senior Stretch</b> YMCA Downtown 10:00 a.m. <b>Enhance Fitness</b> Triumph/North Star(MBC) 6-7pm	<b>Enhance Fitness 20</b> Flint Farmers' Market 10:00 a.m. <b>Enhance Fitness</b> Faith United Methodist Church 12:30-1:30pm	<b>Enhance Fitness 21</b> Hasselbring Senior Center 9:00 a.m.  <b>Zumba Gold                      (Beginner)</b> GAC 5:30 p.m.	<b>Enhance Fitness 22</b> Flint Farmers' Market 10:00 a.m. <b>Enhance Fitness</b> Faith United Methodist Church 12:30-1:30pm <b>Enhance Fitness</b> Triumph/North Star (MBC) 5:30-6:30pm <b>Basic Yoga</b> IHFC 6:45 p.m.	<b>Enhance Fitness 23</b> Hasselbring Senior Center 9:00 a.m.	<b>Happy                      Holidays!!</b> 
	<b>Happy                      Holidays!</b> 	<b>Enhance Fitness 27</b> Flint Farmers' Market 10:00 a.m. <b>Enhance Fitness</b> Faith United Methodist Church 12:30-1:30pm	<b>Enhance Fitness 28</b> Hasselbring Senior Center 9:00 a.m.  <b>Zumba Gold                      (Beginner)</b> GAC 5:30 p.m.	<b>Enhance Fitness 29</b> Flint Farmers' Market 10:00 a.m. <b>Enhance Fitness</b> Faith United Methodist Church 12:30-1:30pm <b>Enhance Fitness</b> Triumph/North Star (MBC) 5:30-6:30pm <b>Basic Yoga</b> IHFC 6:45 p.m.	<b>Enhance Fitness 30</b> Hasselbring Senior Center 9:00 a.m.	



## DECEMBER 2016 CALENDAR

FREE! Commit to Fit! Class Schedule

### Class Descriptions & Locations

#### Basic Yoga (1 hour)

This class is a balanced flow of postures designed to build stamina, strength, and flexibility while promoting weight loss and general stress relief.

#### Insight Health & Fitness Center (IHFC)

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4500 S. Saginaw St

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**Zumba Gold** (1 hour) - A less intense version of the classic Zumba. This class offers fun music to keep the excitement high while keeping the impact low.

#### Genesys Athletic Club (GAC)

801 Health Park Blvd

Grand Blanc, MI 48439

(810) 606-7300



### Healthy Holidays Challenge!

November 16<sup>th</sup> – December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2015

The *Commit to Fit! Healthy Holidays Challenge* is a four week individual challenge to encourage participants to practice daily activities to be more active, eat healthier, practice mindfulness, and promote wellness to others. All individuals who live or work in Genesee County can participate at no cost.

#### CHALLENGE GOAL:

Log 2,000 Commit to Fit! Wellness Points

- 1 Register at [commit2fit.com](http://commit2fit.com)
- 2 Track your Wellness Points
- 3 Get Entered to Win Prizes

1 Minute of Activity = 1 Wellness Point

1 Minute of Mindfulness = 10 Wellness Points



**Crim Yoga After Work** is an eclectic and mindful approach to Hatha yoga. Wear comfortable clothes. Get ready to work and play in bare feet! Join us on December 7<sup>th</sup> from 5:15-6:15p.m. at the Crim Fitness Foundation. \$5.00 Donation is suggested



Questions?  
Email  
[commit2fit@flint.org](mailto:commit2fit@flint.org)

**Zumba** – This class offers fun music to keep the excitement high while keeping the impact low Friday's 5:30-6:30pm in ADR. September 16-December 16, 2016.

**Aquafitness**- An invigorating water workout. Ideal for all fitness levels. No swimming required



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**Enhance Fitness** (1 hour) – A fun, energizing class geared toward improving overall functioning and well-being. Improve your cardiovascular fitness, strength, flexibility and balance!



#### TIMES & LOCATIONS:

##### Hasselbring Senior Center

1002 Home Ave. Flint, MI

(810) 766-7128 Mon, Weds, & Fri 9-10 am

##### Carriage Town Ministries

605 Garland St Flint, MI

Tuesday 2:30-3:30 pm

##### Faith United Methodist Church

2266 Coldwater Rd Flint, MI

Tuesdays & Thursdays

12:30-1:30 pm

##### Triumph/North Star (MBC)

1657 E

Mondays- 6:00-7:00pm &

Thursdays 5:30-6:30 pm

##### Flint Farmers' Market- Tuesdays &

Thursdays 10:00-11:00 am

300 E. First St Flint, MI

(810) 232-1399



**Senior Stretch** (1 hour) - This class will help improve overall strength and flexibility. The class is led by a certified senior fitness instructor who will guide you through the exercises at your own pace. This class is perfect for all ability levels.

#### YMCA Downtown Flint

411 E. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street

Flint, MI 48503

(810) 232-9622



[commit2fit.com](http://commit2fit.com)

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# MACRA TOWN HALL MEETING

## FEBRUARY 2, 2016

### MACRA: How independent physicians and others can thrive in a value-based environment

The next few years will bring significant changes with the transition from fee for service to new value based payment models under Medicare and CHIP Reauthorization Act (MACRA). Success in orienting to new payment models will require changes in how physicians work while continuing to remain patient-centric. The changes will impact physicians in independent small and medium-sized practices differently than employed physicians in larger systems. Drawing on the AMA's STEPSForward program, former AMA President, J. James Rohack, MD, along with Stacey Hettinger, Director, Medical and Regulatory Policy, at the Michigan State Medical Society, will provide help and support for physicians moving toward new payment models.

#### Upon completion of this activity, participants will be able to:

- 1) Discuss the changes in the payment environment moving from volume to value
- 2) Summarize key elements required to thrive under new models
- 3) Identify tools from the AMA and MSMS that help orient physicians to new payment models

#### Location:

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#### Schedule:

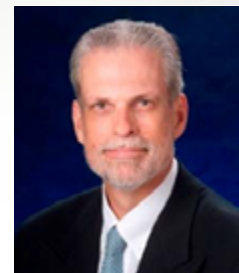
6 pm, Registration & Social Hour  
6:30 pm, Dinner  
7 pm, Meeting  
7:15 pm, Presentations

#### Cost:

GCMS/MSMS &/or AMA  
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Practice Managers - \$49  
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#### RSVP's requested ASAP!

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#### AMA Listening Tour

In conjunction with the February 2 dinner and education event mentioned above, the AMA is conducting a Listening Tour and is particularly interested in meeting with physicians in solo or small practices (2-10 physicians) to learn more about the realities of medical practice in today's health care environment. AMA staff will be in Flint on Thursday and Friday, February 2-3 and seeking to meet physicians at their offices for a 30-minute interview. If you are interested, please contact [carrie.waller@ama-assn.org](mailto:carrie.waller@ama-assn.org), 312.454.4546. The Genesee County Medical Society appreciates your support of the AMA's efforts.

# Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act



On Oct. 27th, a large group of practice managers met to hear about recently finalized rules on the Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act (MACRA).

Joe Neller, Director, Integrated Physician Advocacy, Michigan State Medical Society, presented on the topic. The practice managers are very appreciative for the update and the analysis of the final rules. The slides for the presentation can be accessed via the following link [http://gcms.org/Bulletins/2016\\_10\\_October\\_MACRA-The%20Big%20Picture.pdf](http://gcms.org/Bulletins/2016_10_October_MACRA-The%20Big%20Picture.pdf)

Other topics included a brief update on Great Lakes Health Connect, and legislation relating to advanced practice nurses and CRNAs. Also discussed was the State Innovation Model, with which many practices will be involved with. In addition, staff noted that public health advisories that are specifically of



interest to physicians will be sent by the Medical Society on behalf of public health agencies.

Upcoming topics: Communication Between Specialists and Primary Care Physician Practices on January 26, 2016, and there will be a MACRA Follow-Up meeting on February 23, 2017, featuring Stacey Hettiger, Director, Medical and Regulatory Policy, Michigan State Medical Society.

## *Announcement*

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**Held 4th Thursday of each month from 8am to 10am.**

**The following topics are tentatively scheduled and subject to change**

**December**

**NO MEETING – HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!**

**January Topic:**

**Communication Between Specialists & Primary Care Practices**

**February Topic:**

**MACRA Update**

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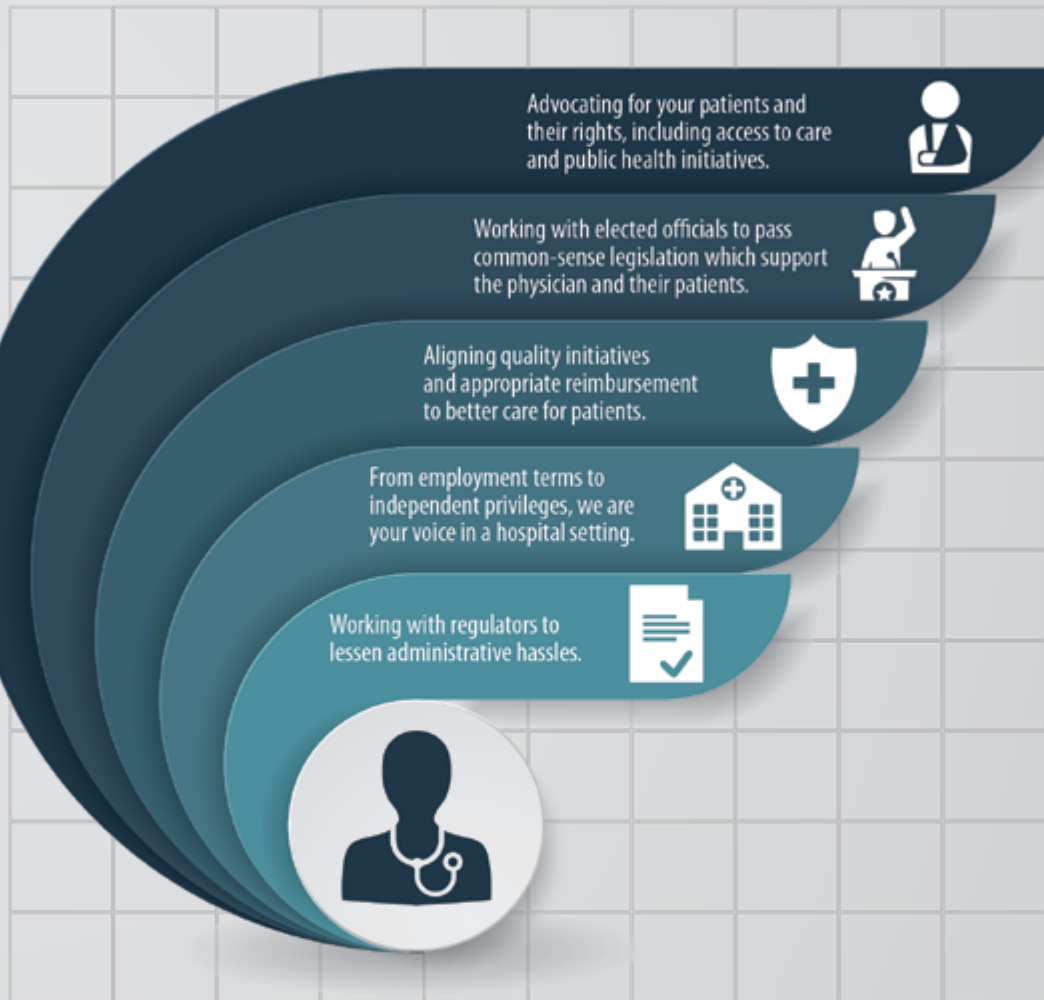
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# Medical Society Foundation

Consider a donation to the Medical Society Foundation for all of your holiday giving. What a wonderful way of expressing your holiday sentiments while supporting important health related causes.

The Medical Society Foundation has been coordinating physician giving in Genesee County since 1987. This holiday season, why not use the Foundation to make sure your gifts to family, friends and colleagues help to improve the health and well-being of our community.

By giving to the Medical Society Foundation, you receive a great year-end tax benefit at the same time that you tell others how much their health – really means to you.

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An aerial drone photograph of a large, deep blue lake. On the left, a small, tree-covered island with a few buildings and a sandy beach is visible. The right side of the lake features a marina with numerous sailboats and a residential area with houses and trees. The sky is clear and blue.

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**by Clifford J. Cox, MD**



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**Patient Safety** is not a  
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- ✓ Diagnosis and treatment of any complications after anesthesia
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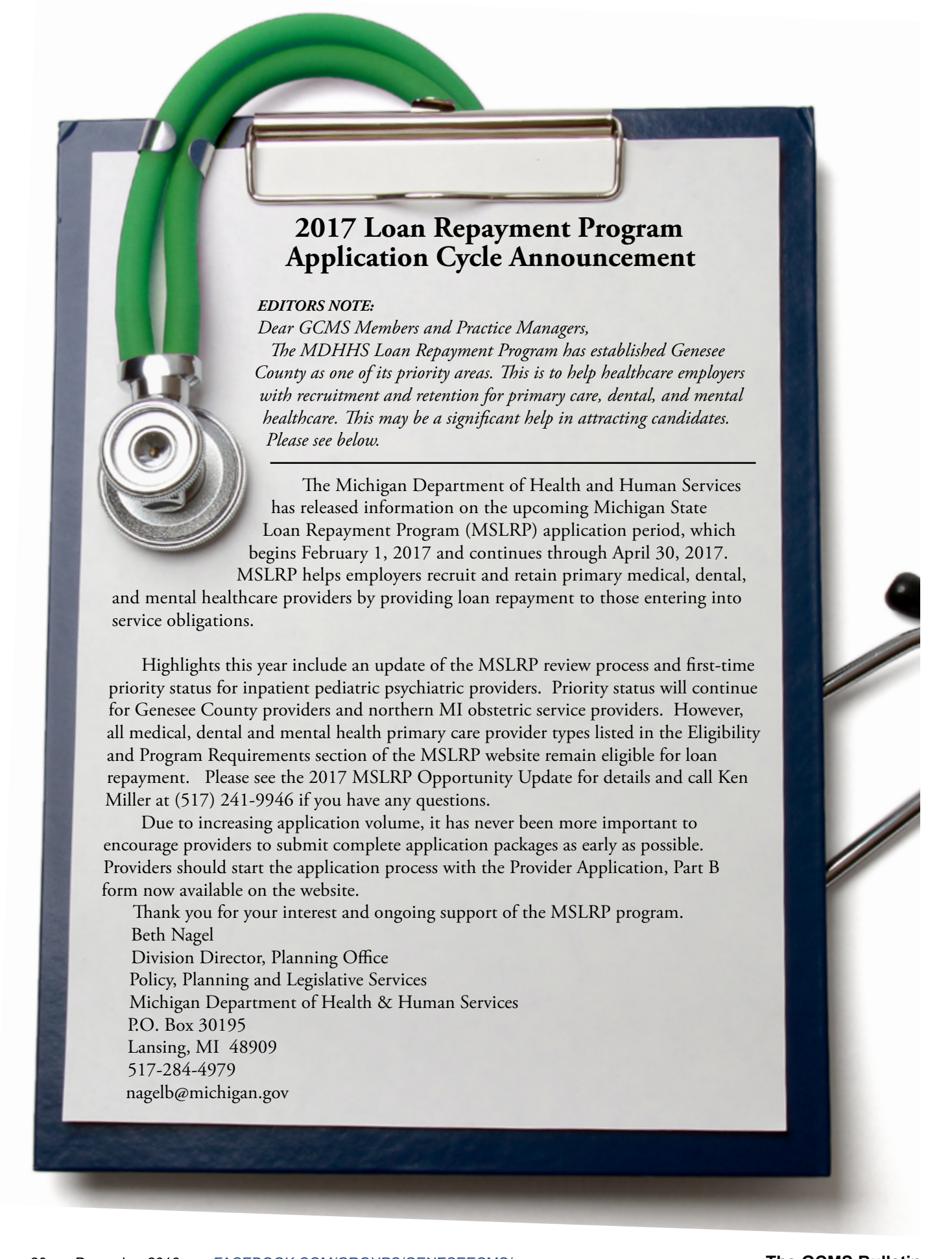
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## 2017 Loan Repayment Program Application Cycle Announcement

**EDITORS NOTE:**

*Dear GCMS Members and Practice Managers,*

*The MDHHS Loan Repayment Program has established Genesee County as one of its priority areas. This is to help healthcare employers with recruitment and retention for primary care, dental, and mental healthcare. This may be a significant help in attracting candidates. Please see below.*

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The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services has released information on the upcoming Michigan State Loan Repayment Program (MSLRP) application period, which begins February 1, 2017 and continues through April 30, 2017. MSLRP helps employers recruit and retain primary medical, dental, and mental healthcare providers by providing loan repayment to those entering into service obligations.

Highlights this year include an update of the MSLRP review process and first-time priority status for inpatient pediatric psychiatric providers. Priority status will continue for Genesee County providers and northern MI obstetric service providers. However, all medical, dental and mental health primary care provider types listed in the Eligibility and Program Requirements section of the MSLRP website remain eligible for loan repayment. Please see the 2017 MSLRP Opportunity Update for details and call Ken Miller at (517) 241-9946 if you have any questions.

Due to increasing application volume, it has never been more important to encourage providers to submit complete application packages as early as possible. Providers should start the application process with the Provider Application, Part B form now available on the website.

Thank you for your interest and ongoing support of the MSLRP program.

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**I. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order in the Rapport Conference Room at 6:00pm, by Colone, MD, President.

Dr. Colone introduced the student and residents in attendance and thanked them for coming.

**One Hour of Calls to Former GCMS Members**

The Board spent an hour making phone calls seeking former members to rejoin.

**Directive:** staff was directed to send correspondence to each of the recruiters that was successful telling them which individuals they need to send thank you notes to.

**II. Review of Minutes**

**Motion:** that the minutes of August 23, 2016, Board of Directors meeting be approved as presented. The motion carried.

**III. Reports**

**A) Community & Environmental Health**

1. Update on Position Regarding Chelation

Dr. Gerald Natzke provided an update on the chelation study issue including the discussion is being held with research institutions regarding the study.

2. Approval for Members Listed by Specialty on Flint Cares Website

**Motion:** that the posting of member name, specialty, and contact information on the Flint Cares website be approved as a member benefit, following an email blast to every member telling them that unless we hear from you we will put your name and contact information on the Flint Cares website. The motion carried with Dr. Ahmed opposed.

3. Timely Public Health Information for Physicians and Healthcare Providers

**Motion:** that the resolution entitled timely and transparent data sharing be approved as presented and copied to the Greater Flint Health Coalition Greater Flint Health Coalition. The motion carried.

**Resolution: Timely Public Health Information for Physicians and Healthcare Providers**

**Passed: GCMS Board of Directors, 9/27/16**

Whereas, the Flint Water Crisis has exposed the longstanding need for immediate and inclusive communication from public health agencies to healthcare providers about epidemiological and incidence information, and

Whereas, there have been several instances in recent months where official information was not provided by the Genesee County Health Department for transmission to healthcare providers in a timely fashion until after a release was issued to the media for the general public, and

Whereas, in the absence of timely, accurate, information from county and state public health agencies, healthcare providers and physicians cannot immediately begin to look for infectious diseases and other health risks, therefore be it

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- Resolved, that a real-time alert system be established for all reportable information from city, county, and state public health agencies which impacts the public's health and is critical for healthcare providers to know, and be it further
- Resolved, that all public health threat information of critical importance to physicians, be provided immediately and proactively by the Genesee County Health Department, the City of Flint, and the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, to the Genesee County Medical Society for timely transmission to the physicians of Genesee County.
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4. Resolution to Support Senator Ananich's Legislation on Lead in Water

It was reported that Senator Jim Ananich is introducing legislation that would make Michigan's regulations on lead in drinking water some of the strictest in the United States. The Committee suggested that support include the suggestion that the legislation be applied to all water provided for human consumption.

**Motion:**            **that the Genesee County Medical Society Board of Directors express its support of legislation introduced by Senator Ananich regarding lead rules for water, including the suggestion that the legislation pertain to all water provided for human consumption in the State of Michigan. The motion carried.**

**B) Finance**

1. Budget-to-Actual Report, Period ending August 31, 2016

**Motion:**            **that the budget to actual report for the period ending August 31, 2016, be approved as presented. The motion carried.**

2. Proposal to WSU Research Team re. Legionella

Levine reported that a subcontract to support the Wayne State University Legionella Study is being worked on. He will let the Executive Committee know as soon as it is finalized.

3. Fundraising Committee Report

Dr. John Waters reviewed the last meeting of the MSF Fundraising Committee noting that it is concentrating on numbers over the age of 71 because of IRA benefits the donors could reap, and on the subgroups of medicine, including the Islamic Medical Association.

4. Proposal to MSMS Foundation

Levine reported that a proposal has been submitted to the Michigan State Medical Society Foundation requesting \$20,000 for support.

5. SCCMS Foundation Donation Acknowledgement

Levine reported that the St. Clair County Medical Society Foundation donated \$2,000 and two of their Board members donated another \$200 to the Medical Society Foundation.

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6. Roster

**Motion:**                   **that the Genesee County Medical Society Roster be published henceforth in electronic format and emailed to members so that they can print as many copies as they like. The motion carried.**

**C) Membership**

Levine noted that there have been nine new members, including some reinstated. He also reported that the trend report is showing a decrease of 43 total members since one year ago.

**D) Legislative Liaison**

Dr. Cathy Blight noted that the next meeting of the Legislative Liaison Committee will take place on Monday, October 3rd. The CRNA bill has passed the Senate. Dr. Blight encouraged the Board members to thank Senator Robertson for opposing the CRNA bill. She noted that the bill that would reform vaccination laws will not move until the first of the year.

**E) Greater Flint Health Coalition**

Dr. Waters noted that there was a very nice presentation by Dr. Barkey on rashes. The SIM is moving forward involving PMC, Genesys and McLaren ACO's. Dr. Ishaque raised an issue associated with the simple project related to the exclusion of physicians who are primarily Medicaid providers.

**F) District Directors**

Drs. Mukkamala and Waters noted that the focus at MSMS has been on the nurse practitioner and cRNA bills. MSMS is going through a yearlong analysis of membership.

**G) Presidents' Report**

Dr. Colone reported that the September 8 Town Hall Dinner Business Meeting was very well received. The CMO's of major health plans were present, and several physicians had their issues handled there and some have had follow up meetings. He noted that there has been discussion of holding another session like this, with those in attendance at the September 8 meeting being engaged to draw others to this meeting.

**H) Other Business**

1. Update on Maintenance of Certification and Vote of No-Confidence

The Board reviewed letters to MSMS, the Pennsylvania Medical Society, the ABIM, Hurley Medical Center, and Genesys Regional Medical Center. Revisions were proposed.

IV. Next Meeting

The next meeting will take place on October 25, 2016.

V. Adjournment

No further business appearing, the meeting was adjourned at 8:08pm.

Respectfully submitted  
Peter Levine, MPH  
Executive Director



# The Power of Organized Medicine Impacts Physicians Wallets

A 3% tax on physicians' gross revenues was passed in 2009 by the Michigan House of Representatives as part of a larger piece of legislation. It was passed along party lines with intense pressure being applied from the leadership of the Democratic Party. The Michigan State Medical Society, along with county medical society's including Genesee, aggressively opposed the legislation. When it appeared that the legislation would pass, despite straight ahead communication on the issue, a march was planned and implemented, nearly overnight, by MSMS, the county societies, and some specialty societies. On Oct. 20, 2009, nearly 1,200 physicians, fellows, residents, medical students, office staff, and county medical society staff persons drove to Lansing to show remarkable opposition, significant enough to result in 1,200 people missing an entire day of work. The Genesee County Medical Society had 40 people at this rally.

The result of this action was that the Michigan Senate voted the bill down saving each physician in the state of

Michigan 3% of their gross revenues for that year, and every year following.

Despite efforts to bring this tax back up, it has been smacked down repeatedly. For those who may be wondering, gross revenues include everything. It includes those things for which you are reimbursed and those things which are pass-throughs, as well as everything else. So for every \$100,000 in gross revenues, for every practice in the State of Michigan this legislation saved \$3,000. Multiply that by every \$100,000 in gross to determine how that has affected your practice for the past seven years. It is a minimum of \$21,000 over seven years.

The next time someone asks why they should spend the money on dues to the Genesee County and Michigan State Medical Societies, let them know that the defeat of the physician tax in Michigan is only one example of the importance of organized medicine, and it certainly pays their dues multiple times each year.





# HAPPY BIRTHDAY DOCTOR

DECEMBER

Samiullah Sayyid, MD .....	1	Edward Stack, MD.....	17
Piyush Patel, Jr., MD .....	1	Rod Golovoy, MD.....	17
Rami Salameh, MD .....	1	Rubin Raju, MD.....	17
Basim Towfiq, MD .....	3	F. Dale Roth, MD.....	18
Sridhar Rao, MD.....	3	Gagandeep Singh, MD.....	19
Sumathi Mukkamala, MD.....	4	Elna Saah, MD .....	20
Paul Lauber, MD.....	5	Siavosh Varjavandi, MD .....	22
Randall Sturm, MD .....	5	Rao Botta, MD .....	22
Eduardo Reyes, MD .....	7	Meghana Tipparthy, MD .....	22
Miriam Pellerito, MD.....	7	Peter McLeod, MD .....	23
Vaibhav Sahni, MD .....	7	Abd Alghanem, MD .....	25
Stephen DeFriez, DO .....	8	Edgardo Paguio, MD.....	26
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Ureddi Mullangi, MD .....	11	Saqib Hasan, MD.....	28
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Tejal Joseph, MD .....	12	Leon Friedman, MD .....	30
Yogesh Jagirdar, MD.....	12	Evelyn DelRosario, MD .....	30
John Martin, DO .....	14		

## GCMS MEETINGS — December 2016 —

**Community & Environmental  
Health Committee, 12/14  
12:30pm, GCMS Office**

**MSF Fundraising Committee  
Recessed**

**Finance Committee  
Recessed**

**Board of Directors  
Recessed**

**Practice Managers  
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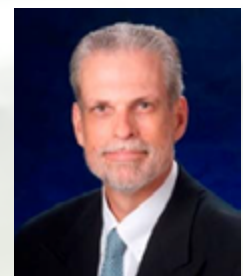
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