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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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Practice Managers

June 13th 2024
9:00 A.M.

Board of Directors

June 25th , 2024
6:00 P.M.

Medical Society Foundation Board Meeting

August 21st, 2024
6:00 p.m.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As we welcome summer, I thought I would recap recent event activities of the GCMS in the past couple months.

Last week the GCMS hosted a very successful multi-county CME program on pain management. The event was well attended and received good feedback from the attendees and presenters. The program serves as a good example of the kind of services the county medical societies can provide their members. The multi-county collaboration served as a way to improve communication and best-practices across the state.

The Genesee County Medical Society was also well represented at the Michigan State Medical Society house of delegates meeting in Lansing on May 11 weekend both in the main session, on the stage and in the reference committees. The MSMS continues to advocate for physicians in an increasingly complex environment.

Over 70% of physicians are currently employed by hospital systems. The decrease in independent physicians and physician practices has affected membership in the physician medical societies. The multidimensional environment of modern medicine would require innovative thinking for the continued advocacy of physician independence and leadership in the field of medicine.

The rise of various healthcare "provider" professions along with the increasing popularity of algorithmic medicine by healthcare systems will pose a challenge for the delivery of high quality care and the traditional doctor-patient relationship.

Next week I will be presenting at the world congress of bioethics on issues related to neuroscience and AI. A similar reductionist approach to the neurosciences is posing challenges for historical concepts of the self, personhood and moral responsibility.

Recently the GCMS Alliance hosted their Germanium luncheon at the Warwick Hills Country Club. David, Melissa and I were honored to attend, and appreciate their continued support of the Genesee County Medical Society.

We would also like to thank all of our members for their continued support for the GCMS, the only organization in the area specifically dedicated to advocacy for physicians.

DR. MACKSOOD AFTAB, D.O.



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Community Coming Together

Genesee County Medical Society Involved in May

The 29th Annual Healing Hands 5k Run/Walk was held on May 18, 2024, to help support the Genesee County Free Medical Clinic. The race was located on the campus of Mott Community College in Flint.

This event is the major fund raiser for the GCFMC to continue operating in Flint. The Genesee County Free Medical Clinic offers high quality healthcare for those without healthcare insurance, a tremendous service for the community.

This Year the GCFMC dedicated the race Honoring the Memory and legacy of: Dr. Venkat Rao, Dr. Bill Macksood, Barbara Pougnet and Peter Levine. Each of the individuals dedicated their lives to our community and supported the Free Medical Clinic. All four have passed away in the last year.

Along with myself, Dr. Edward Christy, and Melissa Keller were volunteers of the event. The 5K run attracted participants of all ages (and pets) for this year's event. The first-place winner was from Swartz Creek, MI. with a time of just over 17 minutes.

Everyone had a great time with a record turn out and raised approximately \$75,000.00 for the Free Clinic to continue operating and serving this community! Dr. Edward Christy and I were there to help support the participants at the finish line, by handing out water! Melissa Keller was also there to show her support volunteering and cheering on the participants! Dr. Bobby Mukkamala and his family tied up their tennis shoes and ran/walked the race as well.

Thank you, Sovita, for having a table with several giveaway gift baskets, and your unwavering support for the community. Medals were awarded to each participant and Dr. Christy.

Mark your calendars for next year, May 17th, 2025 at the campus of Mott Community College. This event is a great way to support the Genesee County Free Medical Clinic (donations are always welcome).

Hope to see you there in 2025!

DAVID HOFF, MA, CCP







Dr. Bobby Mukkamala ran so fast, we were only able to get this picture....
Go Dr. Mukkamala!!







CKD

More than a million adults in Michigan have chronic kidney disease. . . and most of them don't even know it. According to the CDC, 65% of cases of kidney failure in the US are caused by diabetes or hypertension. With early detection and treatment, we can prevent or slow the progression of CKD. The National Kidney Foundation of Michigan (NKFM) offers education, support, and resources for people with kidney disease, those at risk, and their loved ones. NKFM encourages healthcare providers to raise CKD awareness and have open discussions with patients about their CKD risk level and prevention.

Together, we can make a difference in CKD awareness. Find ways to empower your community to create healthier, happier lives at: [Home | National Kidney Foundation of Michigan \(nkfm.org\)](https://www.nkfm.org)



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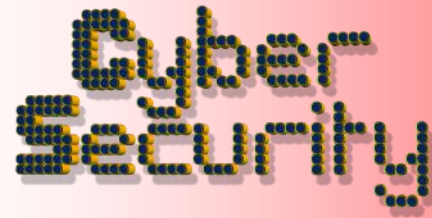
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Ascension hit by cyberattack, affecting care at 140 hospitals

The Washington Post /reports, “Ascension, one of the largest Catholic health systems in the United States with 140 hospitals, was struck by a cyberattack that affected computer systems across the country and impacted patient care, the system said in a statement Thursday.” The health system “said it detected the hack Wednesday and took immediate steps.” Systems affected include patient records and medication prescribing, “requiring doctors and staff to use paper records, according to the local reports.”

NBC News (5/9, Wile) reports, “The company said it had engaged cybersecurity consulting firm Mandiant to assist in the investigation and remediation process, and had notified law enforcement authorities.” The health system “is the fourth-largest hospital network in the country, with 140 locations in 19 states and Washington, D.C., including major presences in St. Louis and the Chicagoland area.”



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HOUSE OF DELEGATES

On May 11, 2024 I had the pleasure of attending my third Michigan State Medical Society House of Delegates at the Crown Plaza Hotel in Lansing. This year marked the 159 th meeting of the Michigan State Medical Society House of Delegates, but was vastly different than prior years. In the past, the HOD was a 2-day weekend meeting, this year it was changed to a 1-day Saturday only meeting.

All Reference Committees were on line for the first time via Zoom. The Genesee County Medical Society was well represented providing reference committee members.

GCMS Board Members selected to a Reference Committee included: Dr. Edward Christy, Dr. Ethiraj Raj, Dr. Rama Rao, and Dr. Pino Colone.

The Genesee County Medical Society overall was well represented at the 159 th House of Delegates By: Dr. Macksood Aftab, Dr Edward Christy, Dr. Rama Rao, Dr. Ethiraj Raj, Paul Kocheril, Dr. Pino Colone, Dr. John Waters, Dr Bobby Mukkamala, Dr. Nita Kulkarni and Dr. Michael Danic (also guest presenter at May 22 multi-county Pain Management webinar).

The resolution voting took place live on May 11 at the 1-day HOD meeting.

Dr. Salim Siddiqui (Radiation Oncology from Detroit) finished his 1-year term as MSMS President.

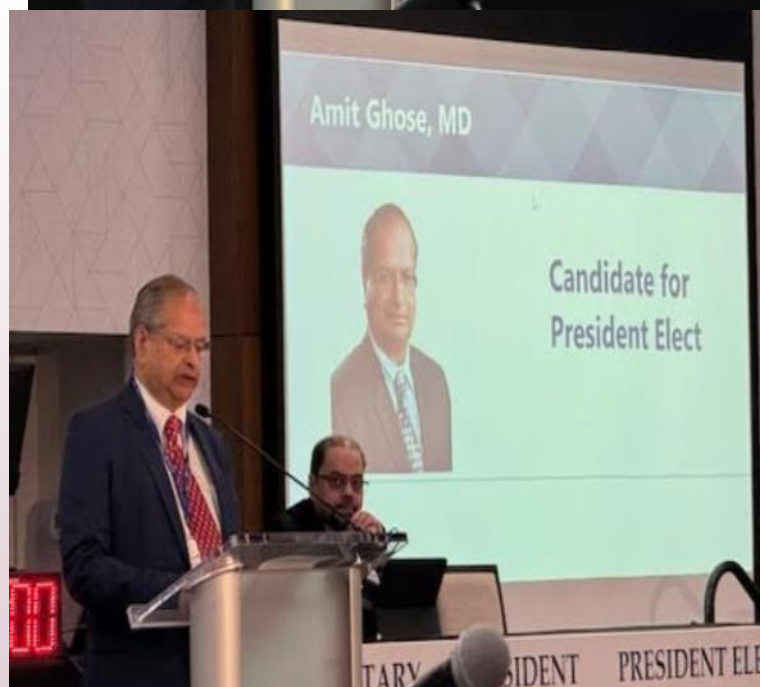
Dr. Mark Komorowski (Plastic Surgeon from Bay City) was installed as the 2024-2025 MSMS President.

The voting for the 2024 President elect race for the Michigan State Medical Society took place on May 11, 2024. This year MSMS had a contested race with two strong candidates running.

Dr. Brian Stork (Urologist from Muskegon) and Dr Amit Ghose (Internal Medicine from Lansing) were the two candidates.

Dr. Amit Ghose has been elected as the 2024 Michigan State Medical Society President Elect. The Genesee County Medical Society would like to congratulate 2024- 2025 MSMS President Dr. Mark Komorowski, and 2024 – 2025 MSMS President elect Dr. Amit Ghose!

HOUSE OF DELEGATES





AMA NEWS

Physician Well-being and Burnout ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE IN THE MEDICAL FIELD.

AI scribe saves doctors an hour at the keyboard every day

When a health system rolls out new technology that it insists will make physicians' lives easier, the announcement is typically met with skepticism. But the use of augmented intelligence (AI)—often called artificial intelligence—has changed that. The Permanente Medical Group's rollout of ambient AI scribes to reduce documentation burdens has been deemed a success, saving most of the physicians using it an average of one hour a day at the keyboard.

Using the microphone on a secure smartphone, the ambient AI scribe transcribes—but doesn't record—patient encounters and then uses machine learning and natural-language processing to summarize the conversation's clinical content and produce a note documenting the visit. [Read more.](#)

More in Physician Well-being and Burnout:

[\[Article\] 5 ways this medical group is overcoming the physician shortage](#)

[\[Article\] How these health systems are reducing physician burnout](#)

[\[Article\] 4 ways health care leaders can put doctors' well-being first](#)





*Genesee county Medical Society and Genesee County
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GCMS and **SOVITA** have originated a platform where we can discuss any concerns the medical billing staff are enduring.

This months meeting was very informative with staff from BCBS onboard to answer any questions and address concerns. We are anticipating a face to face meeting in the near future with everyone soon in reference to issues that are affecting the Office Management staff.



Please join us the 2nd Thursday of the month at 9:00 am via zoom by emailing executivedirector@gcms.org ! Hope to see you there.



MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH

May is Mental Health Awareness Month! This is a time to celebrate the importance of mental well-being and break the stigma surrounding mental health issues. Let us come together as a community to raise awareness, offer resources, and foster a supportive environment for those in need. Let us prioritize self-care, mental health education, and de-stigmatization of mental health conditions. Together, we can create a world where everyone feels comfortable seeking help and receiving the support they deserve. Let us celebrate Mental Health Awareness Month by spreading awareness, advocating for mental health rights, and promoting a culture of acceptance and understanding.

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.

Licensees 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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ATTENTION

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Via Zoom

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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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Alliance for Patient Access
AARP Michigan
American Autoimmune Related
Diseases Association
American Cancer Society
Cancer Action Network
American College of Cardiology,
Michigan Chapter
American College of Physicians,
Michigan Chapter
American Diabetes Association
American Lung Association in MI
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Control Coalition
Epilepsy Foundation of Michigan
Genesee County Medical Society
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of Pediatrics
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Prescriptions
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& Child Health
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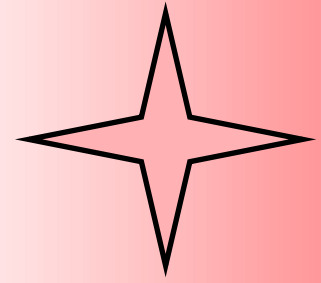
www.healthcantwait.org

GCMS FOCUS ALLIANCE GROUP

MSMSA held 98th Annual meeting at Grand Blanc, Genesee County on May 3rd and May 4th. GCMSA/MSMSA planning committee organized various health related talks and a tour to the FIA for the attendees. Our local Gynecologist, Dr. Neelam Dutt spoke on women's health issues relating to Menopause. Her talk was appreciated by the audience. The Crim Foundation representative presented an impressive slideshow on keeping the community healthy. It was an honor to meet the energetic and inspiring Racheal Kunesh, AMA Alliance president. She motivated the Alliance members to join the AMA Alliance.



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 - ♦ 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.

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Arthritis Foundation



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- Build confidence in your ability to be physically active
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For Daily Genesee County Covid-19 Numbers

[Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) Data Dashboard for Genesee County](#)



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EMPLOYERS + SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS:

Do you need to report a laboratory-confirmed positive COVID-19 case?

Click the button to email the Communicable Disease team at GCHD-CD@gchd.us or call (810) 257-1017



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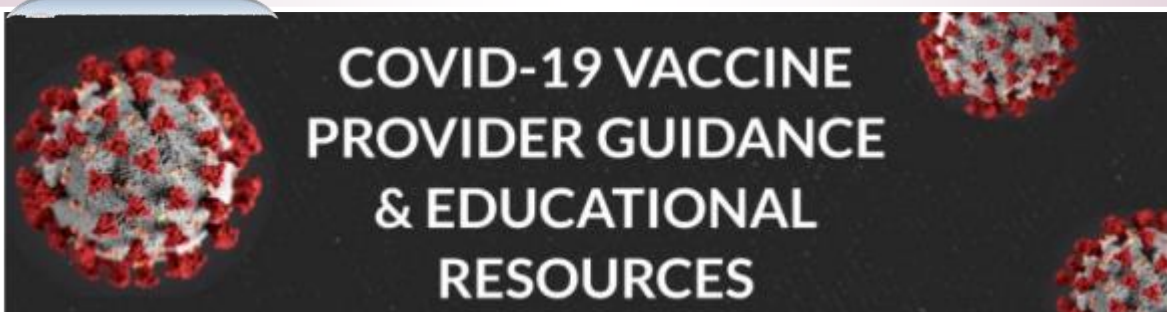




COVID-19 VACCINE
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COVID-19 VACCINE

The COVID-19 pandemic demonstrates how diseases without vaccines can devastate economic and public health. Vaccines have reduced and, in some cases, eliminated many diseases. In the U.S., there is currently no approved vaccine to prevent COVID-19. MDHHS is working with the CDC and Michigan stakeholders to prepare and plan for when the vaccine is available. The initial draft of our state's plan is now available and will be updated often in the coming months. Visit regularly for the most recent information on the COVID-19 vaccine and Michigan's preparations.

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To continue its good work, the Medical Society Foundation is asking you to consider leaving a legacy gift to the Foundation. If all, or even a significant portion of our membership left just a small part of our estates to the Foundation, the Foundation could continue helping this community in so many ways, by supporting the Medical Society.

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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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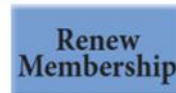


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I agree to support the County Medical Society Constitution and Bylaws, the Michigan State Medical Society Constitution and Bylaws, and the Principles of Ethics of the American Medical Association as applied by the AMA and the MSMS Judicial Commission.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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