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Upcoming Events

"The Flexner Report at 100"

Health Group Forum
July 6
Cosmos Club
2121 Massachusetts Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20008
4:30pm - 6:15pm
Cost: \$13.50
Attendees must RSVP by June 28th to Chris Lee at lee@msdc.org

Medicare Payments are Being Processed with 2.2% Medicare Payment Update

As Highmark Medicare Services (HMS) reported on June 25, 2010, as a result of the Preservation of Access to Care for Medicare Beneficiaries and Pension Relief Act of 2010, the Medicare Physician Fee Schedule was updated to apply a 2.2% increase for dates of service June 1, 2010 and after. CMS required contractors to start processing claims with the new rates by no later than July 1, 2010. Please see the bulletin dated [06/25/2010](#) for more information.



HMS Current Status: The new 2.2% Medicare Physician Fee Schedule was loaded to production for both Part A and Part B services on Friday night, June 25th.

[Click here](#) for more information.

DC Council Votes to Establish Not-for-Profit Hospital Corporation for Receivership of United Medical Center

The D.C. Council voted Tuesday, June 29th, to establish a nonprofit corporation to accept control of United Medical Center at a foreclosure auction.

Attorney General Peter Nickles plans to auction the Southeast Washington hospital on the steps of the John A. Wilson Building on July 9th. Officials do not expect any bidders, and Nickles and Councilmember David A. Catania (I-At Large) have drawn up plans to convert the hospital into a city-managed facility until a new owner is found. Under the emergency legislation moved by Councilmember Catania on Tuesday and approved by a vote of 12 to 1, the city wants to create a 14-member board to oversee the Not-for-Profit Hospital Corp. The board will consist of 11 voting members and 3 non-voting members.

The corporation "would receive the land, improvements on the land, equipment, and other assets of United Medical Center, to operate or retain an operator for the facility, to establish a Fund to receive the monetary assets of United Medical Center, the operating revenues of the facility, and any other funds provided to or for the use of the facility" and "operate and take all actions to ensure the continued operation of the hospital."

Specialty Hospitals of America and the DC Government continue to proceed with legal action prior to the July 9th auction. Attorneys for Specialty Hospitals of America will be in court Tuesday, July 6th, to try to block the foreclosure.

To view a copy of the bill, please [click here](#).

ProAssurance Loss Prevention Seminars**

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July 29

American College of
Cardiology
2400 N. St. NW
Washington, DC
5:30pm - 8pm

**"On the Waterfront"
Annual Meeting
and Social**

Wednesday
October 20, 2010
6:00pm-9:00pm
Phillips Restaurant
900 Water Street, SW

Registration:
\$60/members;
\$105/members/spouse;
\$50/students/residents;
\$80/non-members

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Barbara Allen at
allen@msdc.org
(202) 355-9403

On-site Registration will
increase in cost by \$20
for each category

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Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services Will Review the PECOS Enrollment Process

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is working with providers to address concerns about enrollment in the Provider Enrollment, Chain and Ownership System (PECOS) to ensure that Medicare beneficiaries continue to receive the health care services and items they need. PECOS is the electronic system used to enroll physicians and eligible professionals into the Medicare program.

As part of those efforts, CMS will, for the time being, not implement changes that would automatically reject claims based on orders, certifications, and referrals made by providers that have not yet had their applications approved by July 6, 2010.

Please [click here](#) for more information.



AMA Provides Summary and Guidance to CMS on 2011 Medicare Physician Payment Proposed Rule

The American Medical Association has created a summary and analysis of the 2011 Medicare Physician Payment Proposed Rule. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) recently released a proposed regulation detailing Medicare physician payment policies for 2011. The rule is scheduled for publication in the Federal Register on July 13, 2010, and is open for comment until August 24, 2010. At

1,250 pages, the rule includes both the standard annual update to the Medicare payment schedule and implementation of many provisions of the Affordable Care Act (ACA.) The AMA summary touches on the issues that are likely to be of most interest to physicians but does not review every element of the entire proposed rule.

To view the summary and comments, please [click here](#). To view the latest edition of the AMA's *Health System Reform Insight*, please [click here](#).



DC Department of Health Receives \$10.6 Million Grant for Substance Abuse Prevention

On June 29th, the District of Columbia Government received a \$10.6 million grant from the federal Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) to go towards substance abuse prevention. The grant, to be administered over 5 years, doubles the substance abuse prevention funds for the District.

The grant is part of the Strategic Prevention Framework State Incentive Grant program administered by SAMHSA. The Funds will be used to expand and build on the existing substance abuse prevention infrastructure in the District. As part of the agreement, the infrastructure will be sustained after the funds expire guaranteeing a continuation of enhanced substance abuse prevention in the District.

For more information, please [click here](#).





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AMA Announces the Release of "Management of HIV in Primary Care"

The American Medical Association announces the release of **Management of HIV in Primary Care**, the latest free [AMA Therapeutic Insights](#) newsletter.

Take a quick look! View an [overview](#) of the HIV newsletter.

While most treatment-oriented CME programs focus solely on disease management, AMA Therapeutic Insights takes it one step further. The program delivers the actual prescribing patterns for the disease. Never before have physicians been able to see exactly which medications are being prescribed for the featured conditions.

Visit [AMA Therapeutic Insights](#) to read this issue, as well as previous newsletters covering Alzheimer's Disease, Hypertension and Type 2 Diabetes.

**The prescribing data in AMA Therapeutic Insights are provided by IMS Health. The AMA does not collect or have access to physician prescribing data in any form. The AMA is accredited by the ACCME to provide continuing medical education for physicians.*

Members Making Headlines

- **M. Joy Drass, MD**, has been named acting president for Washington Hospital Center effective June 19, 2010. She will serve in this capacity until the arrival of a new president. She currently serves as MedStar's Executive Vice President of Operations for the Washington Region. Before assuming her current role with MedStar, she served as President of Georgetown University Hospital, and was Vice President for Professional Services and Associate Medical Director at Washington Hospital Center prior to her term at Georgetown University Hospital. Congratulations, Dr. Drass!
- **Joseph Giordano, MD**, has retired from George Washington University Hospital effective June 30th. His long and distinguished career has spanned 42 years and exhibited transformational leadership as Chief of Trauma Services and then as Chair of the Department of Surgery. He is recognized as the trauma team leader responsible for saving the life of President Ronald Reagan after an assassination attempt in 1981. To view the broadcast news videos of Dr. Giordano's retirement, please click [here](#) and [here](#). Congratulations on a wonderful career and an even better retirement, Dr. Giordano!

Join 2,000 of Your Fellow Society Members for MSDC's Annual Meeting and Social

This year's Annual Meeting and Social is sure to be the "Deadliest Catch." We've been greenhorns too long - it's time to head to the docks and waterfront!

Join your colleagues at the flagship Phillip's Restaurant on October 20, 2010 from 6:00pm to 9:00pm. Overlooking the Washington Channel off the Potomac River, the spectacular dinner features over 30 fresh seafood selections caught daily, as well as regional Chesapeake and Atlantic specialty dishes, custom-order stations and non-seafood options for our land-lubbers.

Registrations are being accepted. Just contact Barbara Allen at (202) 355-9403 or allen@msdc.org to join the crew.

Registration is \$60 for members, \$105 for members and spouses, \$50 for students/residents, and \$80 for non-members.

Hurry and register soon - if you don't make the Captain's Log before Sail Date, registration at the door will increase to \$80 for members and \$100 for non-members, with no member/spouse or student/resident ticket available.



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would like to sponsor our Annual Meeting and receive your entry, please e-mail Barbara Allen at allen@msdc.org.

Thank you, **ProAssurance** and **Professional Risk Associates**, for registering early in support of the Medical Society and our Annual Meeting. You continue to be wonderful partners of the Medical Society and our members!



This is Your Time to Lead Your Society

The Leadership Development/ Nominating Committee will meet soon to develop a slate of candidates for Society officers. The election by mail ballot will occur in the fall. Offices on the ballot will be as follows:

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| • President-Elect | (1) | 1 year term |
| • Director, At Large | (3) | 2 year terms |
| • AMA Delegate | (1) | 2 year term |
| • AMA Alternate Delegate | (1) | 2 year term |

All you need to do to be considered by the Leadership Development/Nominating Committee or to recommend a colleague is to complete [this form](#) and return it to us with a C.V. and that's it!

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact **Peter Lavine, MD, President** at (202) 223-8600, **Barbara Allen, Staff Liaison** at (202) 355-9403 or allen@msdc.org, or Ed Shanbacker, Executive Vice President, at (202) 355-9401 or shanbacker@msdc.org.

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A Continuing Medical Education event (Category 1, maximum 16.5 credits)
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