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Understanding the New Opioid Epidemic Act

Do you know how your practice will be impacted by [SB 1001](#) Arizona Opioid Epidemic Act when it goes into effect April 26, 2018? It is critical that physicians begin working to understand and implement the provisions of the new before it goes into effect. There are numerous provisions that will impact physicians including new limits on quantities, dosages, checking the Prescription Monitoring Program, reporting requirements, e-prescribing, licensure of pain management clinics, and various other regulations.

To help you get started, AOMA has prepared a detailed presentation explaining all of the critical components of the new law and how they will apply to you and your practice:

[AOMA Overview of Opioid Epidemic Act Special Session Legislation](#)

In addition, the CSPMP department at the Arizona Board of Pharmacy has created a list of [Frequently Asked Questions](#).

Your feedback is important! If you have questions or concerns about the Arizona Opioid Epidemic Act, please contact the AOMA office at 602-266-6699 or communications@az-osteo.org.

AOMA Annual Convention - Early Registration Ends March 11th!

The early registration deadline for the AOMA 96th Annual Convention is March 11, 2018. This is the largest annual medical conference in Arizona and will be held April 11 - 15, 2018 at the Hilton Scottsdale Resort & Villas.

Save \$100 and register today at www.az-osteo.org/2018Conv.



The theme of the 2018 Convention is *Shifting the Paradigm*. The AOMA designates this five-day CME event for 38.25

hours of AOA Category 1-A credit and has been approved for *AMA PRA Category 1 credits™*. Application has been filed for AAFP Prescribed credits. Determination of credits is pending.

[Download the Agenda](#)

Legislative Session Bills of Interest

The Legislature is 52 days into the legislative session and we still have several key bills we are working to support and defeat. On a positive note, [HB 2322 health insurers; provider credentialing](#), strongly supported by AOMA and the Arizona Medical Association, passed the House last week by a vote of 56-0. HB 2322 implements numerous reforms to health plan credentialing, including minimum timeframes for credentialing and loading, transparency and electronic processes, and reimbursement. This legislation along with the prior authorization reforms in the [Opioid Epidemic Act](#) are cornerstones to AOMA's advocacy goals for administrative simplification. Stay tuned for special action alerts on a few bills of concern: AOMA opposes [SB 1470](#), which eliminates critical components of the "sunrise process" making it easier for lobbyists to create new licenses or expand scope of practice for health professions and SB 1085 which would allow naturopathic physicians to serve as primary care providers to AHCCCS patients.

Other Bills of Interest Include:

- [HB 2107 prescription drug costs; patient notification](#) – Prohibits PBM gag orders on pharmacists from informing patients of lower cost cash prices on medications – AOMA Support
- [HB 2042 insurance coverage; telemedicine; urology](#) – Adds urology, pain medicine and substance abuse to the list services provided through telemedicine that must be covered by insurance – AOMA Support
- [HB 2071 rear-facing car seats](#) – Requires children under two years of age to be in a rear-facing restraint system unless the child weights at least 40 pounds or is at least 40 inches tall – AOMA Support

If you would like to see the full list of bills of interest AOMA is tracking, visit the [AOMA Advocacy Resource Center](#).

Deadline to Nominate a Colleague is March 1, 2018!

Each year the AOMA recognizes individuals for their service and contributions to the osteopathic medical profession as physicians, community leaders, and humanitarians.

Who among your peers deserves to receive the award for physician of the year, outstanding mentor, or volunteer of the year?

The AOMA Awards will be presented at the AOMA Annual Convention during the Awards luncheon on Sunday, April 15, 2018. The online nomination form plus the complete list of AOMA Awards and past recipients is available at www.az-osteo.org/Awards.



[AOMA Awards](#)

2018 DO Day at the Legislature

Osteopathic medical students and physicians joined forces and descended upon the Arizona state capitol on Tuesday, February 21, 2018 to get an up-close view of government in action. Attendees learned about the ins and outs of the legislative process from AOMA contract lobbyist Steve Barclay, JD, and Pele Peacock Fisher, Vice President of Policy and Political Affairs at the Arizona Medical Association.



Attendees also visited the gallery of the House of Representatives and were introduced to the House by Representative Heather Carter, Chair of the House Health Committee. DOs and students met one-on-one with their state legislators to discuss issues important to the medical profession.

Silent Auction Items Needed

The annual Arizona Osteopathic Charities Silent Auction will be held Saturday, April 14, 2018 at the Scottsdale Hilton Resort & Villas. Proceeds from the auction help the Charities achieve its mission in building a healthier community through the support of osteopathic medical education and community health improvement projects in Arizona. Can you help us with a donation? Your contribution can be something as simple as a gift certificate from a local business, a bottle of wine, or tickets to an athletic or theatrical event. All donations are greatly appreciated and are tax deductible. Contact Sharon Daggett at charities@az-osteo.org or click on and complete the [Donation Form](#) and return by email or mail to: Arizona Osteopathic Charities, 5150 N. 16th St., Ste. A-122, Phoenix, AZ 85016.

Choices in Continuing Medical Education

The Arizona Osteopathic Medical Association is a premier provider of continuing medical education (CME). Accredited as a sponsor of AOA Category 1 credit, AOMA offers more than 50 hours of CME each year. Additionally, the AOMA Annual Convention and Fall Seminar are submitted for American Academy of Family Physicians prescribed credits.

Now you have a third choice for your CME hours: *AMA PRA Category 1 credits™*. Through an agreement with Touro University Nevada College of Osteopathic Medicine, an ACCME-accredited provider of continuing medical education, you may earn either AOA or AMA credits when you

attend an AOMA-sponsored CME event.

And don't forget DOCME offers on demand CME online at www.docme.org.

The choice is yours.

4th Annual ArMA Physician Leadership Conference

Physician Engagement and Wellness is the theme of the 4th Annual Physician Leadership Conference presented by the Arizona Medical Association. The conference features leaders in Arizona and national medicine discussing the increasing concern over physician burnout. There will be a Round Table Networking Lunch directly following the morning conference.

When: Saturday, March 24, 2018
8:00 am to 1:00 pm

Where: Mayo Clinic
13400 E Shea Blvd
Scottsdale, AZ 85259

Cost: \$50

Register: <https://azmed.site-ym.com/events/EventDetails.aspx?id=1040738&group=>

3rd Annual Arizona Cord Blood Conference: Advancing Innovation

The Arizona Biomedical Research Commission in partnership with the University of Arizona College of Medicine, the Arizona Public Cord Blood Program, and Save the Cord Foundation, present the 3rd Annual Arizona Cord Blood Conference on Friday, April 13, 2018. Cost is free to attend. The event is for students interested in STEM careers, health professionals wanting more information about cord blood collections, and hospital administrators and policy makers to understand the current status of the cord blood industry.

Location:

Double Tree by Hilton Tempe
2100 South Priest Drive
Tempe, AZ 85282

For more information visit www.savethecordfoundation.org



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Refer a new AOMA member and receive at \$100 credit. Go to www.az-osteo.org/Recruit

Arizona Vaccine News



[AzDHS Immunization Program Website](#)

[CDC Immunization Schedules](#)

AOMA Calendar of Events www.az-osteo.org

AOMA Board of Trustees Meeting - April 11, 2018

AOMA 96th Annual Convention - April 11-15, 2018

AOMA House of Delegates - April 13, 2018

AOMA Board of Trustees Meeting - June 23, 2018

4th Annual Flagstaff Osteopathic Medical Conference - August 11, 2018



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