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Are You Prepared? – AZ Opioid Act Goes in to Effect in 29 Days

Many of the provisions of [SB 1001](#), the Opioid Epidemic Act, go into effect on April 26 – just 29 days away. We implore every physician to spend time now to understand the new law and prepare for its changes before it goes into effect. There are many provisions in the new law affecting prescribing, dispensing, the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program, continuing medical education, new licensure for pain management clinics, substance abuse treatment, etc.

To help you prepare, AOMA has developed an [Opioid Law Presentation](#) summarizing all of the major provisions of it. Please check back periodically, as additional legislation is moving through the legislative process that may alter a few of the provisions.

If you have questions about any of the provisions, please contact AOMA Executive Director Pete Wertheim at pwertheim@az-osteo.org or 602-266-6699.

AOMA 96th Annual Convention is Right Around the Corner

The largest annual medical conference in Arizona - the AOMA 96th Annual Convention is April 11 - 15, 2018 at the Hilton Scottsdale Resort & Villas. **Online registration is available until April 9, 2018 at www.az-osteo.org/2018Conv.** Or call the AOMA office at 602-266-6699 to register.

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](#)

State Budget & Significant Bills Still in Play as Legislative Winds Down

The Arizona Legislature is wrapping up its work on bills and now focusing on the state budget. On Monday, Governor Ducey signed SB 1390, which continues the Prop 301 sales tax for school funding clearing the way for the remaining budget negotiations.

There are several significant bills AOMA strongly supports and still needing final votes in the Senate and the House to get to the Governor's desk for signature:

- [HB 2322 health insurers; provider credentialing](#) – HB 2322, the [Patients, Not Paperwork bill](#), sponsored by Rep. Heather Carter makes sweeping reforms to health plan credentialing processes and timelines.
- [HB 2042 insurance coverage; telemedicine; urology](#) – HB 2042, sponsored by Rep. Heather Carter, requires health plans to cover telemedicine for urology, pain medicine and substance abuse.
- [HB 2549 controlled substances; dosage limit](#) – HB 2549, sponsored by Rep. Heather Carter, makes several important clarifying changes to the [Opioid Epidemic Act](#), including exempting implantable devices from the prohibition on opioid dispensing.

For more information about all of the bills AOMA is working on, please visit the [AOMA Advocacy Resource Center](#) on the AOMA website.

AOMA House of Delegates Resolutions

The AOMA House of Delegates next meeting will be at the [AOMA Annual Convention](#), Friday, April 13, 2018 from 4 to 6 p.m. AOMA members are welcome to attend.

At this meeting, the House of Delegates will be considering two resolutions. Please visit the AOMA House of Delegates [webpage](#) for information about them. If you have any questions or comments you would like to share, please contact the AOMA office at 602-266-6699 or email communications@az-osteo.org.

AzDHS - Pain Clinic Rulemaking

As part of the rulemaking, the Arizona Department of Health Services is seeking input from persons who might be affected by the rules and who would like to provide information that could improve the rules.

The draft rules and an opportunity to comment on the draft are available on the Department's webpage for the rulemaking at:

<http://www.azdhs.gov/director/administrative-counsel-rules/rules/index.php#rulemakings-active-pain-management>

The online survey for comments closes on April 1, 2018.

Volunteers Wanted - Arizona Government Boards & Commissions

Arizona's Governor is responsible for appointing approximately 2,000 individuals to more than 200 state boards and commissions. Appointment to a board or commission provides opportunities for citizens to make a significant contribution to the governance of the State.

There are several openings for physicians on various healthcare licensing boards. Currently, Governor Ducey is looking for a DO to serve on the Arizona Regulatory Board of Physician Assistants. The application process is simple and straightforward so please considering applying for a position.

For more information, please visit the [Boards & Commissions](#) website.

Opioids Lecture presented by Midwestern University

Midwestern University will present a free public presentation discussing the opioid crisis and non-opioid alternatives for pain management. The presentation, titled "Chronic Pain and Opioids: New Solutions and Alternatives," will examine the opioid crisis from osteopathic medical, pharmaceutical, and physical therapy perspectives. Attendees will learn how to recognize common signs of opioid abuse in friends and family, how to safely dispose of unused prescriptions, and effective alternative pain management options.

What	Chronic Pain and Opioids: New Solutions and Alternatives
When	Tuesday, April 3, 2018 6:30 to 7:30 pm
Where	Glendale Foothills Branch Library 19055 N. 57th Avenue Glendale, AZ
Questions?	www.midwestern.edu/azhealthlectures or 623-572-3353

Calling All Des Moines University Alumni

Join Brad Klock, DO, '81, Past DMU OMM Chair for a fun evening of golf and camaraderie here in Arizona.

What	DMU Alumni Event
When	Thursday, April 12, 2018 6:00 to 9:00 pm
Where	Top Golf Scottsdale 9500 Talking Stick Way Scottsdale, AZ
RSVP by April 5	alumni@dmu.edu or 515-271-1463

AOA Mentor of the Year Award

The [AOA Mentor Recognition Program](#) was developed to honor DOs who help shape the future of the osteopathic profession through their involvement with osteopathic medical students and new physicians in practice. Nominations are accepted year-round from students, interns, residents, DOs, AOA Affiliates, or any other member of the osteopathic professional family. Who is your mentor? Let the world know how much that special person has meant to you. [Submit your](#)

[nomination today!](#) The finalist will be honored at OMED 2018.

MCMS Networking Event

The Maricopa County Medical Society (MCMC) is hosting "Cheers with Peers", an opportunity for students, residents, and physicians to socialize and share practice details and interests.



**Thursday, April 19, 2018
6:00 to 8:30 pm
MCMS Courtyard
326 E. Coronado Road
Phoenix, AZ 85004**

To register go to <http://bit.ly/MCMSCheersWithPeers> or call 602-252-2015.

AOMA Online Directory

Do you know that the AOMA website features an online member directory and public physician search?

Potential patients frequently call the AOMA office looking for an osteopathic physician. One of the many benefits of AOMA membership is patient referral. Through the *Find a Physician* search on the AOMA homepage, patients and other physicians can find you! Check it out at www.az-osteo.org under the [Members/Publications](#) and [Patients/Find A Physician](#) links.

And be sure to keep your practice information current. Login in to your AOMA Member account and update your profile. Or call the AOMA office at 602-266-6699.

Thank you to the following organizations that have sponsored the AOMA Online Member Handbook and Directory: A. T. Still University, Midwestern University, Mutual Insurance Company of Arizona (MICA) and U S Army Medical Recruiting.

AOA OMED 2018 - Share Your Research

Call to Disseminate Research

The American Osteopathic Association is issuing a [Call to Disseminate Research](#) to all Osteopathic Specialty Colleges for OMED 2018, Oct. 5-9, 2018, in San Diego. The AOA seeks to integrate research into the osteopathic specialty colleges' didactic sessions. The AOA will cover travel costs and provide an honorarium for speaker(s).

Call for Research Abstracts

The American Osteopathic Association announces its [Call for Research Abstracts](#) for OMED 2018. The submission deadline is Monday, July 16, 2018 at 11:59 p.m. CST.

For questions, please contact [Gloria Dillard](#), AOA Assistant Director of Grants at 312-202-8006.



Patients are Looking for YOU!



Update Your Profile!

One of the benefits of AOMA membership is the Find a Physician public directory search. Make sure your practice information is up to date by logging in to your member profile on the AOMA website. When you do, prospective patients and potential referring physicians will be able to find you.

Join AOMA

Not an AOMA Member?

Join today and be a part of the 97-year tradition of the Arizona Osteopathic Medical Association!

Membership in AOMA is an affordable vehicle to keep abreast of national and local issues, protect your professional practice, enhance your specialized skills, further your career, and be a part of the future of osteopathic medicine in Arizona.

Refer a new AOMA member and receive a \$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](http://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
- Opioid Prescribing: Safe Prescribing, Saving Lives** - August 10, 2018
- 4th Annual Flagstaff Osteopathic Medical Conference** - August 11, 2018



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