

March 5, 2015

Advocacy

Your Immediate Action is Needed to Delay the E-Prescribing Deadline



Legislation to delay the e-prescribing requirement has already passed the NYS Senate and Assembly by a unanimous vote and is now on the desk of Governor Cuomo. The NYACP is urging all prescribers to e-mail the Governor using our easy "Legislative Action Center" to urge him to sign the bill prior to the implementation deadline of March 27, 2015. You can send an email in less than one minute. See the link below!

The legislation passed would push back the e-prescribing implementation date to March 27, 2016. We have asked for a delay because many EHR vendors, including several with significant market share in New York State, are not yet ready to provide certified and tested e-prescribing upgrades to allow prescribers to comply with the law.

You can urge Governor Cuomo to take action and sign the bill into effect by following the link below it will take you LESS than ONE MINUTE TO enter your nine digit zip code and get to an email template to your Governor.

[Legislative Action Center](#)

NYACP Health and Public Policy Meeting and Annual Legislative Day



On Monday March 2, 2015 the Chapter's Health and Public Policy Committee met to discuss multiple issues impacting the practice of internal medicine and patient care including: Tobacco Control, Collaborative Drug Therapy, Death with Dignity and Immunizations as well as to discuss reports on Geriatrics, Obesity, GME, Hospital Medicine, and other committee reports. Staff Members of Assemblyman Richard Gottfried, Chair of the Assembly Health Committee, were present for a portion of the meeting to discuss Medicaid Parity, Doctors Across New York (DANY), ACO Regulations, Single Payer Legislation, and Convenient Care and Retail Clinics.

On Tuesday March 3, 2015 eleven members of the Committee participated in the Chapter's Annual Legislative Day. The aim of Legislative Day is to allow physicians to discuss medical issues impacting patient care with their own elected officials. The main topics discussed throughout the day included Medicaid Parity, DANY, ACO Regulations, and Tobacco Control. The group also met with Senator Kemp Hannon, Chair of the Senate Health Committee and several high ranking officials from the Governor's Office and the NYS Department of Health. Legislators acknowledged the importance of physicians visiting with them as a valued resource on healthcare issues. As evidenced by our physician representatives experience and feedback of the value of spending their time Albany... **You can make a difference!**

Practice Management

Materials Available to Assess and Address Fall Risk in Older Patients

Opportunity to Earn 20 ABIM Maintenance of Certification Credits

NYACP continues to serve as a partner to the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) Fall Prevention Program for Older Adults. NYSDOH is entering its final year of a 5-year grant with the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) to implement three evidence-based programs to help prevent falls - Tai Chi: Moving for Better Balance, Tai Chi for Arthritis, and Stepping On - in Broome, Chautauqua, and Suffolk Counties. [These programs are also proven to reduce healthcare costs.](#)

The NYACP Geriatrics Task Force, chaired by Eleanor Weinstein, MD, FACP, regularly monitors activities of the program and would like to bring attention to information and tools developed by the CDC to assess and address older patients' fall risk.



Tool Kit: <http://www.cdc.gov/homeandrecreationalsafety/Falls/steady/index.html>
Materials can be ordered or downloaded for free through the CDC website.

Physicians who adopt STEADI can earn **20 ABIM/ABFM Maintenance of Certification credits**. These credits qualify for Category II AMA credits as well.

For more information on earning credits or these programs, please contact Harrison Moss (harrison.moss@health.ny.gov) at the NYS Department of Health.

ICD-10 Acknowledgement Testing

To help you prepare for the transition to ICD-10, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) offers acknowledgement testing for current direct submitters (providers and clearinghouses) to test with the Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs) and the Durable Medical Equipment (DME) MAC Common Electronic Data Interchange (CED) contractor anytime up to the **October 1, 2015, implementation date**.



CMS previously conducted two successful acknowledgement testing weeks in March 2014, November 2014 and currently this week, March 2-6. These acknowledgement testing weeks give submitters access to real-time help desk support and allow CMS to analyze testing data. Registration is not required for these virtual events.

Mark your calendar for the next testing week: June 1 through 5, 2015

How to participate:

Information is available on your [MAC](#) website or through your clearinghouse (if you use a clearinghouse to submit claims to Medicare). Any provider who submits claims electronically can participate in acknowledgement testing.

What you can expect during testing:

Test claims will receive the 277CA or 999 acknowledgement as appropriate, to confirm that the claim was accepted or rejected in the system. Test claims will be subject to all current front-end edits, including edits for valid National Provider Identifiers (NPIs), Provider Transaction Access Numbers (PTANs), and codes,

including Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) and place of service. Testing will not confirm claim payment or produce a Remittance Advice (RA). MACs and CEDI will be staffed to handle increased call volume during this week

Testing tips:

- Make sure test files have the "T" in the ISA15 field to indicate the file is a test file
- Send ICD-10 coded test claims that closely resemble the claims that you currently submit
- Use valid submitter ID, NPI, and PTAN combinations
- Use current dates of service on test claims (i.e. October 1, 2014 through March 1, 2015)
- Do not use future dates of service or your claim will be rejected

Other ICD 10 tools and resources can be accessed on the CMS
ICD 10 Website at:

<http://www.cms.gov/ICD10>

Education & Events

We hope you will join us in celebrating the 100th year anniversary of the ACP by attending New York

Centennial Celebration Gala - Saturday, May 16, 2015

Hotel Thayer
674 Thayer Road
West Point, NY 10996



Below are a few good reasons to attend the Gala:

- *You are a new member to the NY Chapter ACP?*
- *You would like to meet Fellow Colleagues and become part of statewide organization that is dedicated to advancing the Specialty of Internal Medicine?*
- *You are a Resident preparing for Fellowship or for your Career and would like to network with established leaders?*
- *You would like to attend a once in a lifetime event that honor's your chosen profession?*

On Saturday, May 16, 2015 join friends and colleagues for an unforgettable evening filled with great food, relaxation and entertainment - check out the area's premier band - [TS Ensemble](#). For more information, please go to the [NYACP Gala Page](#).

The [Chapter's Gala Page](#) will provide additional information on:

- **Essay Competition**
- **Reservation Information**
- **Silent Auction**
- **Gala Program Ads**
- **Overnight Accommodations at the Hotel Thayer**

New Webinar!

Chronic Care Management: How to Get Paid By CMS

Wednesday, March 25, 2015

7:00 - 8:00 pm

(Additional details to be provided soon)

[Register Online](#)

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