

November 19, 2014

Practice Management

Physicians in Private Practice - Special Ebola Call

The New York State Department of Health will host a conference call on **Tuesday, November 25th, 2014, from 7:30 am to 9:00 am**, specifically designed for physicians in private practice. This is a very tailored discussion of easy steps practices can take to protect your practice and your patients.

The phone number for the call is: (866) 894-2617. There is no access code or registration for the conference, as it is an operator assisted call.

In addition, the New York Chapter ACP has many resources on Ebola, which can be found on our website at: www.nyacp.org/ebola

ACP National has created a FREE online clinical decision support tool for members that includes a wealth of resources on Ebola. The "Smart Medicine" tool can be used for research guidelines, checking recommended drug therapies and confirming diagnoses with over 500+ disease modules updates regularly. Check out the "Smart Medicine" Information [Here](#).

Countdown to ICD-10

Acknowledgement Testing Week: November 17 through 21, 2014

To help you prepare for the transition to ICD-10, CMS offers acknowledgement testing for current direct submitters (providers and clearinghouses) to test operability with the Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs) and Common Electronic Data Interchange (CEDI) anytime up to the October 1, 2015 implementation date.

Acknowledgment testing gives submitters access to real-time help desk support and allows CMS to analyze testing data. Registration is not required for these virtual events. Mark your calendar:

- November 17 through 21, 2014
- March 2 through 6, 2015
- June 1 through 5, 2015



How to participate:

Information is available on the [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 with ICD-10 codes must be submitted with current dates of service (i.e. October 1, 2014 through November 17, 2014), since testing does not support future dated claims.
- Test claims will receive the 277CA or 999 acknowledgement as appropriate, to confirm that the claim was accepted or rejected in the system.
- Testing will not confirm claim payment or produce a remittance advice.
- MACs and CEDI will be staffed to handle increased call volume during this week.

Information on acknowledgement testing and how to participate is available in [MLN Matters® Article MM8858](#), "ICD-10 Testing - Acknowledgement Testing with Providers."

Advocacy

NY Assembly Health Committee Holding Public Hearings on Single Payer Legislation

Assembly Health Committee Chair, Richard Gottfried, has announced that the Committee will hold a series of public hearings on "New York Health", a legislative proposal to create state sponsored single payer health coverage. Anyone can testify at these hearings. If you have a strong opinion in favor or opposed to a single payer system, you can sign up to testify at one of these hearings. If you simply want to listen to others who present testimony you are welcome to attend as well. The dates and location of each hearing are as follows:

SYRACUSE

Thursday, Dec 4, 10 AM
Medical Alumni Auditorium
Weiskotten Hall
Upstate Medical University
766 Irving Avenue

BUFFALO

Wednesday, Dec 10, 10 AM
Roswell Park Cancer Inst.,
Hohn Aud Research Studies Center
Elm & Carlton Street

MINEOLA

Wednesday, Dec 17, 10 AM
Nassau County Leg. Chambers
Theodore Roosevelt Executive
and Legislative Building
1550 Franklin Avenue

ROCHESTER

Monday, Dec. 8, 10 AM
Rochester Regional Joint Board
1st Floor, Union Hall
750 East Avenue

NEW YORK CITY

Tuesday, Dec. 16, 10 AM
NYU, Grand Hall, 5th Floor
Global Center for Academic and Spiritual Life
238 Thompson Street

ALBANY

Tuesday, Jan. 13, 10 AM
Hearing Room B
Legislative Office Building
198 State Street

This series of public hearings around the state will review the effects and costs of the current health coverage system on patients, health care providers, employers, labor, taxpayers and health and health care. It will review how a single-payer system might work in New York. If you wish to testify, contact SogutM@assembly.state.ny.us or call Mischa Sogut at 518-455-4941.

"New York Health", a universal "single payer" health coverage bill, would replace insurance company coverage, premiums, deductibles, co-pays, limited provider networks and out-of-network charges with universal health coverage for every New Yorker, with choices of doctors and other providers. The program would be funded by broad-based taxes based on ability to pay. The bill, A.5389-A/S.2078-A, was introduced by Assembly Health Committee Chair Richard N. Gottfried and Senator Bill Perkins.

Hudson Valley Chapter Governor-Elect Designee

Congratulations to Louis S. Snitkoff, MD, FACP; our new Governor-elect Designee to ACP National! He will serve a year of orientation as a Governor-elect and then will start his four-year term as Governor in the Spring of 2016. As Governor, Dr. Snitkoff is the official representative of the College for the New York Hudson Valley Region, providing a link between members at the local level and leadership at the national level.

Education



NYACP Annual Meeting and Weekend Board Review

Friday, Feb. 6 - Sunday, Feb. 8, 2015

Renaissance Westchester Hotel
80 West Red Oak Lane
West Harrison, NY 10604
Friday, February 6 - Sunday, February 8, 2015

What's the Value in Attending? - *Check it out!*

- ✓ Prepare for your recertification (Earn up to 30 ABIM MOC Credits) - *earn CME and MOC points at the same time!*
- ✓ Gain insight into recent medical advances (Earn a maximum to 26.5 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™) - *3 days in a row, no additional travel required!*
- ✓ Poster Competition for Residents and Medical Students- *Winners earn a free trip IM16 to represent NY!*
- ✓ Greet old friends, meet new friends and develop a network of colleagues- *invaluable!*
- ✓ Stay for the weekend and attend the Board Review Course and earn 19 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™ - *1/2 the price of other Board Review Courses!*

For a complete schedule of the 2015 NYACP Annual Meeting go to - [Chapter Annual Meeting](#)

Watch your mail for the NYACP Annual Meeting brochure and you can easily register online now at: [Register Here](#)



PrEP Conferences: Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) Expanding the HIV Prevention Toolkit

The NY Chapter ACP in conjunction with NYSDOH's Clinical Education Initiative and Mount Sinai Institute for Advanced Medicine is cosponsoring 3 1/2 day PrEP conferences: **Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) Expanding the HIV Prevention Toolkit** in December - for additional information and to register, please go to the Chapter Website at www.nyacp.org/education

PrEP Card Available

Ordering Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) cards is now easier than ever!

The CEI HIV/HCV Center for Excellence has received a new shipment of PrEP cards. This convenient card provides clinically relevant information on the recommended PrEP regimen, pre-prescription assessment, information on lab tests and monitoring, the New York State Clinical Consultation Line, as well as the website addresses for further information regarding PrEP guidelines and CEI initiatives. This card can be discreetly attached to a medical providers name tag while providing all of the important information needed to make clinically sound decisions regarding PrEP.

Please visit the following link to view and order PrEP cards for your practice: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/X89MLWM>

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