

EDUCATION

2 More Pain Management and ISTOP Educational Events in August

In response to concerns over the abuse and diversion of controlled substances, Governor Andrew Cuomo signed the I-STOP act into law in 2012. The law becomes effective in less than two weeks, on August 27, 2013.

The law requires all prescribers to consult the Prescription Monitoring Program (PMP) database prior to prescribing Schedule II, III and IV controlled substances.

There are two opportunities left in August to:

- (1) Learn **appropriate pain assessment and management** with opioids and adjuvant analgesics including medication selection, titration, and conversion.
- (2) Review NYS controlled substance **changes that impact your practice**.
- (3) Receive instructions on **how to comply with the new requirements** for all controlled substance prescriptions effective August 27, 2013.

HOW TO REGISTER

Visit <http://www.nyacp.org/education> to register for either of the last two webinars scheduled for:

Monday, August 26, 2013
8:00am- 9:00am

Friday, August 30, 2013
12:00pm-1:00pm

ADVOCACY

Have You Received Your Medicaid Primary Care Rate Increase?

If you are a Board Certified Specialist or Subspecialist of General Internal Medicine; or have a 60 percent paid claims history of both E&M codes and vaccine administration codes, you may be eligible to receive increased Medicaid reimbursement rates for primary care services furnished in calendar years 2013 and 2014.

Beginning in September 2013, eMedNY will reprocess Medicaid claims for dates of service on and after January 1, 2013, at an increased rate to providers who submitted complete attestations by August 1, 2013.

For attestations received after August 1, 2013, the increased rate will be paid effective the date the attestation is received.

Further information on Medicaid managed care implementation will be forthcoming.

Access Additional resources

NYS DOH PCRI Information Page
http://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/fees/

PCRI Attestation form and Frequently Asked Questions (including eligibility requirements)
<https://www.emedny.org/info/ProviderEnrollment/physician/Option1.aspx>

Physician PCRI fee schedules
<https://www.emedny.org/ProviderManuals/Physician/index.aspx>

PCRI Questions - pcri@health.state.ny.us

QUALITY

August is National Immunization Awareness Month (NIAM)

Few adults are getting recommended vaccines, and patients with chronic conditions like diabetes, heart disease, and asthma/COPD are at higher risk of complications from vaccine-preventable diseases.

Many factors influence low rates of adult immunization, but research indicates that a physician's strong recommendation is a powerful motivator for adults to get vaccinated. Even physicians who do not provide vaccinations in their practice can play an important role in protecting their patients' health simply by recommending they get vaccinated against serious diseases like influenza, tetanus, whooping cough, shingles, hepatitis A and B, and pneumococcal disease.

There are a number of evidence-based strategies that you can adopt in your practice to effectively incorporate vaccine needs assessment and recommendation into your practice, including computerized record reminders, chart reminders mailed/telephoned reminders, and standing orders: <http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/recs/reminder-sys.htm>

Additional Resources

Recommended schedule for adult immunization
<http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules/hcp/adult.html>

Free patient education materials on adult vaccination
www.cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/patient-ed/adults

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