

EDUCATION

What Internists Need to Know About the New Regulatory Requirements Regarding Prescribing of Controlled Substances

Beginning August 27, 2013, your practice will be impacted by the Internet System for Tracking Over-Prescribing (ISTOP) Act - a law passed in 2012 in response to concerns over the abuse and diversion of controlled substances.

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

Each prescriber must have an individual Health Commerce System Account (HCS) to gain access to the PMP registry.

NYACP is hosting **FIVE** 1 hour CME educational webinars to educate Internists on the clinical role in pain management as well as how to comply with the new law. The educational content for each of the webinars is the same, however we are offering several options and dates for your convenience.

Visit the Chapter's website at <http://www.nyacp.org/education> for a complete listing of dates, times and registration forms.

These featured webinars build on the series of local district educational events the Chapter hosted in November-December of last year.

NYACP has also developed an up-to-date resource page on the effect of the (I-STOP) Act on Physicians. It can be accessed at any time by visiting:

<http://www.nyacp.org/ISTOP>

ADVOCACY

New York State Official Rural Health Council Seeks Members

The New York State Department of Health Rural Health Council is seeking physicians who will:

- Be an active listener and an informed health representative of his or her community.
- Advise on the rural health agenda for the state.
- Serve and participate on committees and workgroups to implement the rural health agenda.
- Represent and advocate for health and health related policy issues, concerns and needs of your community on a geographic, professional, consumer, and/or ethnic level.
- Report and advise the Council and Office of Rural Health on health and health related policy issues, concerns and needs.
- Increase visibility and awareness of the rural health agenda and the Council's mission through speaking engagements, and linking local political leadership and community health service organizations.
- Assist Office of Rural Health staff with the technical assistance process through visits to community-based health services and networks, and sharing rural health expertise.

The Rural Health Council meets 3 times per year and members will serve a 3 year term. Members are asked to attend regularly. If interested, please contact Linda Lambert via email llambert@nyacp.org

QUALITY

How to Receive Your Medicaid Primary Care Rate Increase

New York has received approval from CMS to implement the Primary Care Rate Increase (PCRI) for Medicaid.

In order to receive the PCRI, qualified providers must attest that they meet the requirements of the regulation.

Fee for service payments have begun within payment cycle 1872 (July 4, 2013).

Starting September 2013, eMedNY will *reprocess* claims for dates of service on and after January 1, 2013 at the increased rate to providers who have 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.

To access FAQ's, a webinar presentation on qualifications, attestation and payment or to access the attestation form #490302 please visit: <https://www.emedny.org/info/ProviderEnrollment/physician/Option1.aspx>

Additional Information:

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