

EDUCATION

Online Registration Now Open for 2014 Annual Scientific Meeting and Weekend Board Certification and Recertification Course

You can earn up to 7.5 CME credits and 20 MOC ABIM points at the next NYACP Annual Scientific Meeting on Friday, March 21, 2014 at the Adam's Mark Hotel in Buffalo, New York.

In addition, the meeting features a weekend Board Review course Saturday, March 22 - Sunday, March 23, for those seeking certification and recertification.

Visit <http://www.nyacp.org/annualmeeting> to register online and to access the following meeting information:

- Program Details
- Who Should Attend
- How to Register
- Faculty
- Planning Committee
- Meeting Schedule
- Resident & Medical Student Activities
- Travel & Accommodations

Earn Up to 20 Points for Your American Board Internal Medicine Maintenance of Certification

At this year's Scientific Meeting, New York Chapter ACP faculty will present ABIM Self Evaluation Process Modules (SEP) on: 2013 Update in Gastroenterology; 2013 Update in Hospital Medicine; and a 2013 Update in Infectious Disease. Advance registration is required. The fee for each Learning Session is \$50.

ADVOCACY

Obtaining a Health Commerce System (HCS) Account for Licensed Medical Professionals Is Now a Paperless Process

The New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) has instituted a new online form in order to expedite the process of receiving a Health Commerce System account.

With the implementation of the new ISTOP Act, prescribers of controlled substances must have a Health Commerce System Account (HCS) to gain access to the New York State Prescription Monitoring Program registry.

The Health Commerce System (HCS) Medical Professions account request is **now paperless and does not require signatures and notary**. You may apply for an HCS account by filling out the online form.

Have your NYS DMV Driver License or NYS DMV Non-driver Photo ID ready. Medical Professionals that do not have a NYS DMV Driver License or NYS DMV Non-driver Photo ID can still apply for an HCS medical professions account using the existing process which requires signatures and a notary.

To apply for an HCS Medical Professions account through the NYSDOH or to access a quick reference guide please visit:

<https://apps.health.ny.gov/pub/top.html>

If you need additional assistance, visit NYACP's ISTOP Resource webpage for further details about the new law: <http://www.nyacp.org/istop>

QUALITY

New Interactive Tool Helps Determine Potential Upcoming Payment Adjustments

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) has developed a new online tool that will help you determine if you will incur a future eHealth program payment adjustment.

The eHealth Payment Adjustment Tool shows what payment adjustments to expect based on your past, current, and expected future participation in eHealth programs.

The CMS eHealth initiative aligns health information technology (Health IT) and electronic standards programs. Together these eHealth initiatives are designed to help deliver higher quality care and reduce costs.

Navigate through the tool by answering a series of questions about your participation and eligibility status for the following programs:

- eRx Incentive Program
- Medicare EHR Incentive Program
- Physician Quality Reporting System

Each program has its own interactive decision tree that provides results based on your answers.

To access this new tool, visit the *Resources* section of the CMS eHealth website: <http://www.cms.gov/eHealth/resources.html>

Or you can go directly to the tool: http://www.cms.gov/eHealth/downloads/PaymentAdjustmentTool_20130912_FINAL.pdf

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