Dear Members,

Wayne County currently stands at more than double the national average of opioid overdose deaths, with 45 overdose deaths per 100,000 residents in 2016, up more than 50% from 2015.

Altarum and Michigan Medicine are offering a unique opportunity for clinicians to earn 20-25 Maintenance of Certification (MOC) Part IV and 30-50 Continuing Medical Education (CME) credits to improve responsible opioid prescribing, patient education, and prescription tracking among ambulatory clinicians. This unique approach is designed to reach primary care physicians, OB/GYNs, surgical specialists, nurse practitioners, physician assistants, and allied health professionals providing care for adult patients who have been prescribed opioids. **This program, as well as the CME/MOC credits, are *free* to eligible Wayne County Providers through a grant from the US Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Minority Health!**

The University of Michigan, in partnership with Altarum and the Detroit Wayne Mental Health Authority, is working through the Empowered Communities for a Healthier Nation Initiative to implement a comprehensive approach to address the opioid epidemic in Wayne County and to improve the lives affected by the opioid crisis.

The goals of the *Detroit Opioid Prevention Collaborative* are to:

1. Reduce inappropriate opioid prescriptions, and encourage effective alternatives in the treatment of pain.
2. Increase use of the Michigan Automated Prescription System (MAPS) to monitor patient prescription trends.
3. Increase early identification of opioid misuse and abuse; and
4. Expand access to overdose reversal agents (e.g., naloxone).

This program will help ambulatory clinicians, including clinical support staff, to feel confident in their knowledge and ability to appropriately monitor and address the care balance that is needed to prevent opioid dependency or misuse among patients and will include the following:

* Onsite or live online training
* Comprehensive technical assistance
* Community resource guide
* Up-to-date information on evolving State and Federal opioid regulations

For more information on this program, please contact:

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