

What Have We Done For You?



Some of the Many Ways MSMS and SCMS Advocates For You and Your Practice

MSMS ENGAGE

Connecting constituents and lawmakers is a critical and central function of grassroots advocacy. **Engage** gives users access to an editable, prefilled web-form letter sending system, which has become the easiest and most effective way for constituents to contact their lawmakers. Here, you will communicate, educate, engage, and activate on the things that are most important to Michigan physicians. <http://msms.org/engage>

FIGHTING FOR MICHIGAN'S RIGHT2CARE!

Michigan patients have a right to high quality health care from a physician of their choice. Michigan physicians have a right and a responsibility to deliver high quality care to their patients. These rights are at risk because of a bureaucratic nightmare known as "Maintenance of Certification," and new policies by some health insurance companies could cut off patients' access to the physicians they know and trust. More information on SBs 608-609 and HBs 5090-5091 may be found by either visiting <http://right2care.org> or <http://msms.org/engage>.



Just go to www.MSMS.org and click on Take Action: Engage under the Advocacy tab. Choose an issue under “Take Action,” complete the form and submit to contact your lawmakers. You can also go to www.SaginawCountyMS.com and click on the red “MSMS Advocacy Center” tab on the home page.

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PETITION: Protect Michigan patients' right to health care and physicians right to deliver it

Michigan physician's number one focus is our patients

Are you tired of forking over thousands of dollars and spending days away from patients on onerous busy work?

It's time to stand up to the redundant recertification process known as "Maintenance of Certification."

State lawmakers recently introduced **Senate Bills 608-609** and **House Bills 5090-5091**, bills to rein in maintenance of certification red tape, to ensure Michigan patients have a right to the highest quality health care, and that physicians have the right to deliver it.

Please consider [signing our petition on these common sense bills](#) that will protect patients' and physicians' right to care!

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AUTO NO-FAULT

MSMS/SCMS opposed legislative attempts to weaken auto no-fault, HB-4612. This legislation would have significantly increased the exposure of hospitals to uncompensated care as well as lowering reimbursements.

NURSE ANESTHETIST SCOPE OF PRACTICE

MSMS/SCMS opposed legislative attempts to expand the scope of practice for Nurse Anesthetists, SB-320, by removing the requirement for them to be supervised by an Anesthesiologist.

NURSE PRACTITIONER SCOPE OF PRACTICE

MSMS/SCMS offered alternative legislation to the bill to expand the scope of practice for Nurse Practitioners, SB-68. We feel that a physician-led health care team is the best way for medicine to be practiced, and would like to have an open dialogue with the supporters of SB-68 on how we can work together on issues like access to care.

OTHER ADVOCACY/LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITY BY MSMS/SCMS ON YOUR BEHALF:

- HR 2 signed into law. The “Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act of 2015 (MACRA)” took an important step to bring stability to the Medicare program by eliminating the SGR formula.
- MSMS-Led Expedited Partner Therapy legislation became law, authorizing EPT for treatment of sexually transmitted infections, allowing physicians to prescribe infected individuals and their partners.
- In 2014, MSMS filed a FOIA to track the status of the Medicaid primary care uplifts, which released millions of dollars to primary care physicians.
- At MSMS’ urging in 2009, BCBSM now includes almost all specialties in PGIP.
- MSMS medical malpractice legislation in 2012 returned the tort standard to the legislative intent of 1993, making Michigan a top state to practice.
- MSMS/SCMS constantly fights for legislation to reduce the administrative burdens such as a universal prior-authorization process, limits to retroactive audits by payers, and the creation of a single drug formulary.
- MSMS PIA offers affordable comprehensive international health insurance via GeoBlue for leisure, study, mission, marine, and business travel on an individual basis. MSMS/SCMS members who frequently travel internationally may find this coverage especially enticing.

Additional SCMS Benefits

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