

The Power of MSMS/SCMS

Looking Back to the Defeat of the 2009 Proposed Physician Tax

In 2009, the Michigan House of Representatives passed the Quality Assurance Assessment Program (QAAP), otherwise known as the Physician Tax, by a tight margin. It passed along party lines, after heavy internal pressure from within the Democratic Party. The Michigan State Medical Society (MSMS) and its partners in organized medicine, acted swiftly to rally efforts opposing this legislation through its Action Center and a successful march on the Michigan Capitol. The march, which was held on October 20, 2009, was attended by nearly 1,200 physicians, fellows, residents, medical students, office staff and many others. This tremendous effort demonstrated the power, impact, and necessity of organized medicine. The result of this swift action led to the Michigan Senate voting the bill down, **saving each physician up to an estimated three percent of their gross revenues.**

If you ever wonder why you should join MSMS and SCMS, please think of your patients, your colleagues, your practice, your staff and yourself. The defeat of the physician tax in Michigan is an example of MSMS/SCMS's importance. MSMS/SCMS are your voice. If your practice grosses \$1 million per year, three percent would equal \$30,000 per year. In seven years since the bill was voted down, MSMS/SCMS has saved you and your practice a significant amount which more than covers your annual membership dues.

MSMS is the most regarded physician advocacy group in Michigan, both in size and effectiveness. MSMS/SCMS are the voice of YOU, THE PHYSICIAN, and YOUR PATIENTS.

Become a member, become involved.

