



OSMA News Now

The Latest News, Views, Updates, and Information for Physicians
from the Oklahoma State Medical Association

February 26, 2010

Medicine Day Success - - - - -

A very special thank you to all of you who made Wednesday's Medicine Day legislative reception one of our best yet! We had approximately 150 OSMA members and guests who joined with nearly 40 state legislators to discuss issues important to the House of Medicine. For those of you who attended the event, thank you for helping us lay the foundations for a successful 2010 legislative session!

Medicare Chaos Clock is Ticking. . .

We already know the news from Washington DC is grim on health system reform. More alarming for Oklahoma physicians, however, is the **March 1 Medicare physician fee cut** of over 21 percent. This drastic payment cut will force many doctors in our state to make very painful choices in order to keep their doors open: many will be forced to limit the number of new Medicare patients they treat or simply be forced out of seeing Medicare patients altogether.

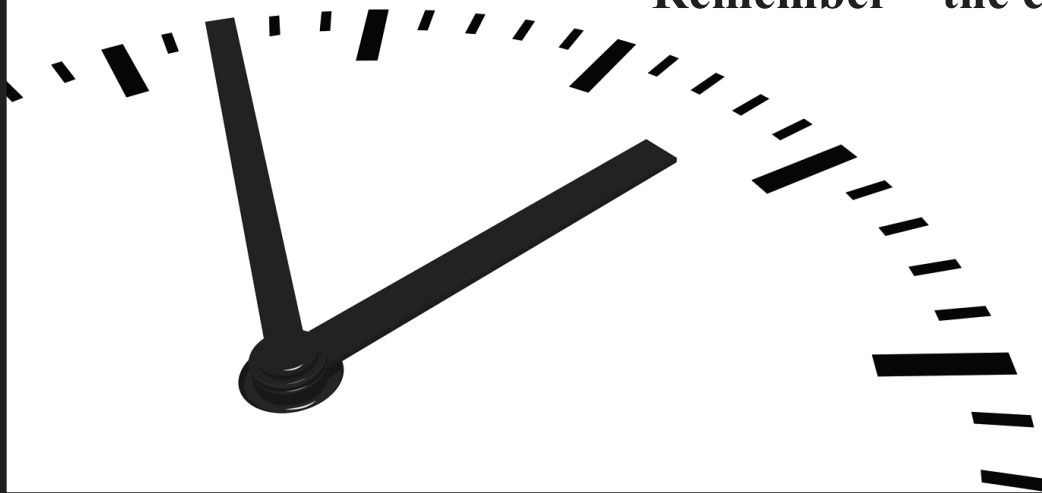
These cuts couldn't come at a worse time—they create a horrible situation for physicians *and their patients*. What's Congress going to do? They went home. The chaos clock is ticking. . .

OSMA was informed today (Friday) that the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) is notifying Trailblazer and all of its other contractors to hold physician Medicare claims for 10 business days, effective Monday, March 1.

OSMA members are urged to express their outrage to Congress!! The 21.2 percent cuts will go into effect Monday! This action will hurt seniors, the military and boomers—some of the most vulnerable patients who may desperately need care.

Contact your member of Congress—it's easy: just call the toll free **AMA Grassroots Hotline at 1800-833-6354**, give them your zip code and they will link you to your member of Congress' office.

Remember—the clock is ticking. . .



RECOMMENDED BYLAW CHANGES

In accordance with the OSMA Bylaws, recommended bylaw changes approved at the February 7, 2010 Board of Trustees meeting must be sent to the Delegates at least forty-five (45) days prior to the Annual Meeting. Amendments to these Bylaws, will be presented to the House of Delegates, and if passed by a **two-thirds vote** of the Delegates present and voting, will become effective immediately upon passage. This publication serves as notification to the Delegates.

ARTICLE II

Membership

Section 2.01. Basic Requirements. Membership in the Association is a privilege and not a right. All membership in the Oklahoma State Medical Association shall originate in component societies. Membership in more than one component society is prohibited except as provided in Section 3.05. ~~As a unified state, All members are required to belong to a component society and the Association. and the American Medical Association or the American Osteopathic Association, whichever is applicable.~~

Except as otherwise provided in these Bylaws, membership in a component society and in this Association shall be granted only to physicians: (a) who are licensed by the Oklahoma State Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision or the Oklahoma State Board of Osteopathic Examiners and (b) whose dues and assessments are fully paid. ~~All medical doctors are required to belong to the American Medical Association. All osteopathic members are required to belong to either the American Medical Association and/or the American Osteopathic Association.~~ The licensure requirement does not apply to: (a) a Doctor of Medicine or Osteopathic Medicine employed by any branch of the Federal Government; (b) an Honorary Member; (c) student members; and (d) resident members in the first year of their residency.

ARTICLE III

Component Societies

Section 3.01 Purpose and Mission of Component Societies. Each component society shall strive to improve the scientific, ethical and material condition of every physician and medical student in the area. Systematic efforts shall be made by each component society to increase its membership until it includes every eligible physician and student in the area. Component societies shall require their members to also be members of the Association ~~and the American Medical Association or American Osteopathic Association, whichever is applicable,~~ and shall collect and remit such dues as required by these Bylaws. All component societies shall have a mission statement and bylaws that are consistent with these Bylaws.

Section 9.01.1 Qualification of Delegates and Alternate Delegates. Association members wishing to run for an AMA Delegate or Alternate Delegate position must be Active members of the Association and the American Medical Association (AMA). Any Association member wishing to run for an AMA Delegate position must have served at least one term as an Alternate Delegate or have served as a General Officer of the Association.

Call for Delegates

If you are interested in serving as a delegate at the OSMA Annual Meeting, please contact Donna Bartlett at 405.601.9571 or bartlett@okmed.org.

Annual Meeting Hotel Reservations Sheraton Midwest City

(405)455.1800 • (800) 325.3535

\$124.00 Discounted Rate

Deadline for receiving the discounted
rate is March 26, 2010.

**Annual Meeting April 16 & 17
Midwest City Reed Center**

OSMA Foundation Reception and Silent Auction Friday, April 16, 2010 at 6:00pm

••• Seeking Items! •••

We are currently seeking items worth \$50 or more for the 2010 OSMA Foundation Silent Auction. The Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit group; donations are tax-deductible to the fullest extent of the law. All items will need to be submitted in by April 2nd, 2010. If you are interested in providing an item for the Auction, please contact: Mandy Osweiler at osweiler@okmed.org/800.522.9452

2010 Annual Meeting Oklahoma State Medical Association

along with the Oklahoma Academy of Family Physicians

Reed Conference Center - Midwest City
April 16th - 17th, 2010

REGISTRATION FORM



Date

Schedule

Please put the number attending in the box provided even if there is no charge. List all names on page 2.

**Friday
April 16th**

- 7:30am Kick-off Breakfast - No Charge
- 8:30am-12:30pm OSMA CME Mock Trial: Medical Malpractice \$75 members/\$125 non-members
- 12:45pm-1:45pm OSMA Legislative Luncheon \$30
- 1:30pm-1:55pm OAFP Registration
- 2:00pm OSMA Board of Trustees
- 2:00pm-4:00pm OAFP CME: Mental Health Update
 - The Primary Care Challenge of Diagnosing Depression
 - Bipolar Disease: The Primary Care Physicians Role
 - The Evolving Paradigms for ADHD
- 5:00pm-6:00pm OAFP Tutorial: Depression METRIC Module
- 5:30pm-7:00pm OSMA Foundation Reception & Silent Auction - No Charge
- 7:00pm - 11:00pm OSMA/OSMAA Inaugural - \$75

For information or to register for OSMA Alliance events, please contact Nancy Bennett at (405) 601-9571 or bennett@okmed.org

**Saturday
April 17th**

- 7:30am Caucus Breakfast Buffet - No charge
- 8:00am-9:00am Oklahoma/Tulsa/Rural Caucus Meetings
- 9:00am-12:00pm OSMA House of Delegates
- 10:30am-11:00am Voting
- 12:15pm - 1:15pm Awards Luncheon \$35
- 1:30pm-2:00pm AMA Delegation Meeting
- 2:00pm-5:00pm OSMA Health Board Meeting

Accreditation Statement: This activity has been planned and implemented in accordance with the Essential Areas and Policies of the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) through the joint sponsorship of the Oklahoma State Medical Association (OSMA) and the Physicians Liability Insurance Company (PLICO). The OSMA is accredited by the ACCME to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

The OSMA designates this educational activity for a maximum of 4 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™. Physicians should only claim credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

Approved for credit toward the PLICO Risk Management premium discount.

CME Planning Committee has no relevant financial relationships to disclose. All Faculty have no relevant financial relationships to disclose.

OAFP Accreditation Statement: This activity has been reviewed and is acceptable for up to 4.00 Prescribed credits by the American Academy of Family Physicians.

AAFP Prescribed credit is accepted by the American Medical Association as equivalent to AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™ toward the AMA Physician's Recognition Award. When applying for the AMA PRA, Prescribed credit earned must be reported as Prescribed credit, not as Category 1.

PAYMENT

Name(s) of attendees: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Email: _____

Total due to the OSMA \$ _____

CHECK: Please enclose a check, made payable to the OSMA, for the full payment amount. Partial payments are not accepted.

CHECK(S) INCLUDED

CREDIT CARD: Please charge my payment in full to the credit card listed below. Partial payments are not accepted.

VISA MasterCard Discover AMEX

Signature of Authorized Card Holder: _____

Name appearing on card (Please print): _____

Card Number: _____

3 digit security code: _____ Card Expiration Date: _____

PLEASE MAIL TO ADDRESS BELOW:

Oklahoma State Medical Association, 313 NE 50th Street, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, 73105

PLEASE CALL THE OSMA WITH ANY QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS:

405-601-9571 or 800.522.9452 FAX: 405.601.9575, osma@okmed.org

CANCELLATION POLICY: Attendance cancellation must be made six business days in advance to receive refund.

HOTEL INFORMATION

Hotel reservations must be made directly with the Sheraton Midwest City Hotel. Please mention the Oklahoma State Medical Association by March 26th to receive the special group rate of \$124.

Sheraton Midwest City Hotel at the Reed Conference Center
5750 Will Rogers Road • Midwest City, Oklahoma 73110
Phone: (405) 455-1800 (800) 325-3535