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from the Oklahoma State Medical Association*

March 19, 2010

## **DELEGATES NEEDED**

Saturday, April 17, 2010 • 9:00 a.m.

Reed Conference Center •Midwest City

If you have interested in serving as a delegate at the 2010 OSMA House of Delegates, please contact us.

Rural Physicians – Contact Donna Bartlett - 405.601.9571

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## **New Comprehensive Managed Care Contracting Database Can Help With Managed Care Research And Regulation**

Wish there were an easy way to keep track of the hundreds of managed care laws and regulations from around the country? Wondering which states offer the most physician-favorable managed care laws? The new National Managed Care Contract database offers just such information in a practical, easy-to-use online tool.

This comprehensive contracting tool offers model contract provisions based on the most physician-favorable managed care laws and regulations from all 50 states and the District of Columbia. Developed by the American Medical Association (AMA) in consultation with state medical association attorneys with extensive expertise in managed care contracting issues and regulations, the model provisions were based on specific statutes and regulations selected after an analysis of more than 2,000 pages of statutes and regulations. The National Managed Care Contract attempts to comply with every statute and regulation from around the country, and its model provisions are supported by almost 600 legal citations to relevant statutes and regulations. The National Managed Care Contract database also contains hundreds of state managed care statutes and regulations, AMA policies and issue briefs on important managed care topics.

You can use this tool to: (1) research existing state managed care statutes and regulations from around the country; (2) stay abreast of emerging state and federal legislative and regulatory trends; (3) support legislative and regulatory managed care reforms; and (4) ensure managed care organizations' contracts and business practices comply with your state's statutes and regulations. Visit [www.ama-assn.org/go/nationalcontract](http://www.ama-assn.org/go/nationalcontract) to access this tool, find ways to use it in your advocacy efforts and learn how it can help physicians in their practices.

### **AMA Launches New Tool to Help Physicians Correct Unfair Managed Care Contracts Nationwide**

*For immediate release: March 16, 2010*

CHICAGO – Physicians seeking a reasonable alternative to the one-sided contracts offered by some managed care organizations can now rely on a new AMA online resource. The American Medical Association (AMA) today unveiled its new National Managed Care Contract (NMCC) and database to help physicians analyze and negotiate contracts with insurers and help provide relief from unfair corporate business practices.

“The concentrated market power of large health insurers gives them an unprecedented advantage in dictating key aspects of health care to physicians,” said AMA President J. James Rohack, MD. “The AMA’s new resources will be a welcome guide for negotiating fair contracts with health plans angling for an even greater advantage over physicians.”

The NMCC is the first comprehensive managed care contracting resource geared specifically to the needs of physicians. The AMA created the NMCC in an attempt to create model contract language that complies with the managed care laws of all 50 states and the District of Columbia and to comprehensively cover the broad range of physician concerns with managed care contracts. It provides physicians with a valuable frame of reference to compare and evaluate any prospective managed care contract.

The searchable database associated with the NMCC provides physicians with easy access to updated statutes and regulations in all 50 states and the District of Columbia. It covers the managed care contracting process, the managed care contract itself and the business relationship between physicians and managed care organizations after an agreement has been signed.

The NMCC and its database are invaluable tools that can be used by physicians and their advocates to:

- provide alternative language to support contract negotiations with managed care organizations;
- ensure managed care contracts and managed care organizations comply with applicable state legal requirements;
- clarify key contract issues and manage ongoing relationships with managed care organizations;
- assist with legislative, regulatory and legal efforts to reform unfair managed care business practices;
- monitor emerging state and federal legislative and regulatory trends.

AMA members can access the NMCC and database at [www.ama-assn.org/go/nationalcontract](http://www.ama-assn.org/go/nationalcontract). The NMCC is not designed to take the place of competent, individualized legal advice. It is one of many tools available from AMA’s Private Sector Advocacy that will help physicians in the generally lopsided negotiations with health plans.

# 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 complete the 2nd page)** \_\_\_\_\_

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 Legislative Breakfast - No Charge
- 8:30am-12:30pm OSMA CME Mock Trial: Medical Malpractice \$75 members/\$125 non-members
- 12:45pm-1:45pm Luncheon - No Charge
- 1:30pm-1:55pm OAFP Registration
- 2:00pm OSMA Board of Trustees
- 2:00pm-5:00pm OAFP Mental Health Update presented by Art Rousseau, MD
- 5:00pm-6:00pm Depression METRIC, Mastering Part IV of the Boards (a Tutorial) presented by Mike Pontious, MD
- 5:30pm -7:00pm OSMA Inaugural Reception
- 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](mailto: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

Name(s) of attendees: \_\_\_\_\_

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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.

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## PLEASE COMPLETE

Name(s) of attendees: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

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### PLEASE MAIL TO ADDRESS BELOW:

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**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**