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## FOR THE FUTURE OF OUR PROFESSION

WHAT: MEDICARE FORUM

WHEN: SATURDAY, AUGUST 16, 2008 – 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

WHERE: OKLAHOMA SCHOOL OF SCIENCE & MATHEMATICS AUDITORIUM  
1411 N. LINCOLN BOULEVARD - OKLAHOMA CITY, OK

PURPOSE: EDUCATION, DISCUSSION AND ACTION PLANNING

SPEAKERS: WILL INCLUDE DR. WILLIAM HAZEL, AMA TRUSTEE  
DR. SHELDON GROSS, AMPAC REPRESENTATIVE

- THE “MEDICARE IMPROVEMENTS FOR PATIENTS AND PROVIDERS ACT” (HR 6331) DID NOT ELIMINATE OR REFORM THE SUSTAINABLE GROWTH RATE (SGR) SYSTEM.
- PHYSICIANS WILL CONFRONT AN ESTIMATED 21% PAYMENT REDUCTION IN 2010.
- WE HAVE 18 MONTHS TO DEVELOP A TRUE SOLUTION TO THE DYSFUNCTIONAL MEDICARE PAYMENT FORMULA.
- THIS IS OUR OPPORTUNITY TO DEVELOP LONG-TERM MEDICARE PAYMENT REFORM PROPOSALS TO ENSURE ACCESS TO CARE FOR OUR ELDERLY CITIZENS AND TO UTILIZE THE GRASSROOTS SYSTEM TO ENACT CHANGE.

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***We need your participation!*** Space is limited. To make reservations, contact the Oklahoma County Medical Society, 405-843-5619; via email, [dadams@o-c-m-s.org](mailto:dadams@o-c-m-s.org); or fax the completed form to 405-843-9610, by Monday, August 11.

I plan to attend the Medicare Forum \_\_\_\_\_  
Name (please print)

Guests: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name/s (please print)

### Sponsors include:

Oklahoma County Medical Society  
Oklahoma State Medical Association  
Oklahoma Academy of Family Physicians  
Oklahoma Society of Clinical Oncology  
Oklahoma Osteopathic Association

# A DAY WITH THE JUDGES:

## Medical Liability Issues

Presented by the American Board of Legal Medicine and joint sponsored by the OSMA and PLICO, "A Day with the Judges" will be held Friday, October 24, 2008. The seminar will begin at 8:30 am and conclude at 4:00 pm in the Conference Center at St. Francis Hospital at 6161 S. Yale Ave. in Tulsa, OK. 74136.

Sessions will include If Sued, What Should The Doctor Do?; Informed Consent and Informed Refusal in Oklahoma; Expert Witness: Ethical & Liability Issues; Public Health: All Hazard Preparedness and Medical Liability; End of Life: Ethical & Liability Issues; Tort Reform Update; Medical Negligence, Trial and Appeal; Patient Safety, Quality and Never Event Medical Errors; Unprofessional Medical Conduct; Criminalization of Negligence; SSA Disability Determination.

Speakers will include: S. Sandy Sanbar, MD, PhD, JD, FCLM, Program Chairman; Justice Marian P. Opala, Oklahoma Supreme Court, Co-Chairman; Judges Kenneth L. Buettner and John Fischer, Oklahoma Court of Civil Appeals; Carl Hook, MD, FACS, President/CEO PLICO; Senator Glenn Coffee, Co-President Pro Tempore; Dale Bratzler, DO, MPH, QIOSC Medical Director; James Mike Crutcher, MD, MPH, FACPM, Oklahoma Secretary of Health, Oklahoma State Commissioner of Health; W.A. Drew Edmondson, JD, Oklahoma State Attorney General; Curtis Harris, MS, MD, JD, FCLM, and Gerald Zumwalt, MD, Secretary, Oklahoma State Board of Medical Licensure & Supervision.

The program cost is \$100 for Physician Members, PA's and Allied Health Professionals, Physician Non-Members \$150 and Attorneys \$195. To register or to inquire about CME and PLICO credits, contact Sandy Deebea at [deeba@osmaonline.org](mailto:deeba@osmaonline.org) or call (405) 843-9571

## Rural Health Association of Oklahoma

17th Annual Conference

September 3-5, 2008

Plan now to attend an exciting event on September 3-5, 2008 at the Reed Center in Midwest City. Co-sponsored by the Office of Rural Health, this conference is expected to bring together more than 200 healthcare professionals from rural and underserved areas to consider issues facing healthcare delivery in rural Oklahoma.

On the first day, September 3rd, there will be a golf tournament held in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Plenary Sessions on September 4th and 5th will bring acclaimed speakers on "Improving Health For Rural Oklahomans." Concurrent session offerings will include three tracks for participants to follow: Public Health, Administrative and Rural Mental Health. Each track will have three individual breakout sessions that relate to the theme of the track. To view the agenda and to download the registration form, please visit OSMA's web site at [OKMED.org](http://OKMED.org).

# OSMA *Calendar*

## AUGUST

13	Medical Student Reception <i>OK History Center</i>	5-8:00 pm	23	Board of Trustees Meeting And Retreat	9:00-3:00 pm
19	OK Health Professionals Program	7:00 pm	26	OSMA Road Show <i>Stillwater</i>	6:30 pm
20	OSMA Health Board	6:00 pm			

*All meetings are held at the OSMA unless otherwise noted.*