Dear all:

I wanted to remind you the MAG Board of Directors meeting will be held on April 21 at the Waverly Hotel. This promises to be a very busy and interesting board meeting. You will receive your packets electronically by Friday, so please be on the lookout. Here are a few highlights of what you will miss if you do not attend:

- GAMPAC breakfast featuring Congressmen Tom Price and Phil Gingrey discussing health care and Washington, DC. Also, State Representative and Chair of the House Health and Human Services Committee Sharon Cooper discussing the health care issues at the 2012 General Assembly. Madame Chair Cooper was extremely instrumental in MAG having one of its best legislative sessions in recent years. **This breakfast is free to GAMPAC members. If you are not a member, the time to join is now.** If you are a member, please consider joining at a higher level to take advantage of the GAMPAC Fly In scheduled for October. The breakfast will begin at 8 am on Saturday morning.
- The MEGA Issue will be the 2012 General Assembly and its impact.
- The new MAG website is near completion and should be ready to “go live” at the end of the month. By attending the board meeting, you will get a sneak preview of the new website.
- The MAG Audit is complete and the auditors will present their findings at this meeting. Rest assured, the audit is positive.
- Atlanta Capital Group is a sponsor of this meeting and will present an overview of financial service options.
- Childhood obesity is a hot topic nationwide. MAG Policy 155.978 states, in pertinent part:
  - MAG supports comprehensive education on the epidemic of obesity and its impact on the future health and economics of the state. Towards that end, we have invited Coca-Cola to present current initiatives they have undertaken to address this topic; and
- The next Georgia Physician Leadership Academy will be introduced. Also, the current class will be congratulated on completing the program.

**Scope of Practice**
The 2012 General Assembly presented various scope of practice battles from the nurses to the pharmacists. In the next few weeks, a survey will be sent out to the entire membership addressing two items – scope of practice and impact of SGR cuts if they go into effect. Please participate in the survey so we can have your views and where MAG should be on these issues.

Also, please take a moment to read this press release on a new Georgia Action Coalition funded in part by the Robert Wood Foundation. Those participating on this coalition’s Executive Council include the Georgia Hospital Association, the Georgia Healthcare Foundation and the AARP. We anticipate more scope of practice battles in the near future.

http://www.rwjf.org/humancapital/product.jsp?id=74114&cid=XEM_A5832&cid=xsh_rwjf_em
ICD-10
In a new press release from HHS, Secretary Kathleen Sebelius announced a proposed rule that would delay the compliance date for ICD-10 from October 1, 2013 to October 1, 2014.

Request – If you know a physician who is also a pharmacist, please send his/her name to my attention.

As always, if you should have any questions, please do not hesitate to call. I am looking forward to seeing all of you on April 21, 2012.

Thanks,

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