Dear all:

Please allow this to be an update of MAG activities. As always, my previous updates can be found at http://www.mag.org/resources/executive-directors-message.

Veterans Day
MAG wants to acknowledge and thank all the veterans of our armed forces for their service to our country. Thank you.

Elections
If you listened to the polls leading up to the election, Tuesday night was a bit of a shocker with President-Elect Trump assuming his new role and the Republicans gaining control of the Senate. While we are only a few days post-election, there is uncertainty on the fate of the Affordable Care Act and what will be proposed. This is an opportunity for physicians to advocate what is best for their patients and your profession as any changes are proposed. MAG, working with the American Medical Association, will be that advocate for you. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me directly if you have any questions. We are watching the impact at the state level and anticipate different options for covering the uninsured than the solutions provided in the Affordable Care Act.

Please note to attend any upcoming seminars we may have on MACRA or other federal payment options. For example, see our December 1 educational session discussing MACRA and some of this uncertainty.

MAG promoting 12/1 Medicare payment session – as physicians face 'uncertain future' – ACTION NEEDED – REGISTER TODAY
The Medical Association of Georgia (MAG) is reminding physicians in the state to register for an educational session that it will co-host with the American Medical Association (AMA), the Medical Association of Atlanta (MAA), the Cobb County Medical Society, and the DeKalb Medical Society at the Cobb Galleria Centre in Atlanta at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, December 1 to address the final rule and requirements of Medicare’s new Quality Payment Program (QPP).
AMA says the session is designed to “help physicians prepare and understand what the final rule means for their practice.”
And MAG President Steven M. Walsh, M.D., stresses that, “This event has taken on an even more important role given the uncertain future we face as physicians given the results of the recent election.”

The QPP is tied to the Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act (MACRA) that was passed in 2015.

Contact Susan Moore at smoore@mag.org or 678.303.9275 with questions.

Click to register or https://www.eventbrite.com/e/macra-regional-seminar-atlanta-tickets-28840143646.

HealtheParadigm
Please be available for free seminars on how MAG can provide you with a data analytics tool to address the changing payor environment. For you to be successful going forward, you need to have the right tools to be able to advocate for your practice. HealtheParadigm is that resource. To register for the seminars, please go to http://www.mag.org/news/articles/MAG-promoting-free-MACRA-MIPS-solution-webinar.
Provider Directories
We have been working closely with Blue Cross Blue Shield on inaccurate provider directories. Please be on the lookout as BCBS will be reaching out to physicians to update their directories.

Member News
Congratulations to the following MAG members:

1. John Rogers, MD
   Dr. Rogers will serve as the board chair for the American College of Emergency Physicians. More information can be found at http://www.mag.org/news/articles/MAG-Board-member-to-serve-as-ACEP-chair.

2. Doug Patten, MD
   Dr. Patten was named the associate dean of the Southwest Campus of the Medical College of Georgia at Augusta University. More information can be found at http://www.mag.org/news/articles/AU-names-associate-dean-of-MCG-Southwest-Campus.

Have a great weekend.

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