

Dear all:

Please allow this to be an update of MAG activities. As always, my previous updates can be found at www.mag.org/executivedirector. As always, please feel free to share my updates.

Maintenance of Certification – American Board of Medical Specialties

The Vision Initiative Final Report is now available to the public. This report was sent to the Board of Directors for the American Board of Medical Specialties for action. I want to thank all of you who took the time to comment on the draft report and the guidance you have provided over the last year. The report is attached to this email.

(https://www.mag.org/georgia/uploadedfiles/Commission_Final_Report_20190212.pdf)

MAG Top Docs Radio Show

The MAG Top Docs Radio Show has been rather busy the last two weeks.

Please see the following interview with Madeline Feldman, MD, president of the Coalition of State Rheumatology Organizations, discussing pharmacy benefit managers. Dr. Feldman did a great interview really breaking down what pharmacy benefit managers do to our health care system and the impact on patients. The interview can be found at

https://www.mag.org/georgia/Public/News/News_Articles/Expert_M.D._addresses_PBM_s_role_influence_on_Top_Docs_Radio_.aspx.

Additionally, we had Richard Lamphier, president of the Georgia Nursing Association, and Matt Caseman, chief executive officer of the Georgia Nursing Association, discussing issues where physicians and nurses could work together. Please take a moment and listen to the interview at

https://www.mag.org/georgia/Public/News/News_Articles/New_Top_Docs_Radio_show_addresses_nursing_GNA_.aspx

Surprise Insurance Coverage

Congress is preparing to address the surprise insurance coverage issue or surprise bills. MAG signed onto a letter with the AMA and various other medical societies. For more information, please go to

https://www.mag.org/georgia/Public/News/News_Articles/MAG_among_100_groups_to_sign_letter_on_surprise_bills.aspx.

Prior Authorization

Please see the following survey by the AMA on prior authorizations -

https://www.mag.org/georgia/Public/News/News_Articles/AMA_survey_Prior_authorizations_effect_s_getting_worse_.aspx.

Alliant Quality Promoting Cardiac Rehab Webinar

Alliant Quality is the sponsor of MAG's Top Docs Radio Show. Alliant is encouraging physicians and practice staff to register for a 'Cardiac Rehabilitation Change Package: Success Stories and Strategies' webinar that will take place from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. on Tuesday, February 26. More information can be found

at https://www.mag.org/georgia/Public/News/News_Articles/Alliant_Quality_promoting_2_26_cardiac_rehab_webinar_.aspx.

If you should have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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