Dear all:

Please allow this to be an update of MAG activities over the last few weeks. As always, my previous updates can be found at www.mag.org/executivedirector.

Top Docs Radio Show
Please see the latest Top Docs Radio Shows addressing the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services new mapping tool for opioids, as well as a show discussing meningitis and shingles. These shows can be found at:

- CMS and Opioids -
  https://www.mag.org/georgia/Public/News/News_Articles/_Top_Docs_Radio__addresses_new_CMS_opioid_Rx_mapping_tool.aspx
- Shingles and Meningitis -
  https://www.mag.org/georgia/Public/News/News_Articles/New__Top_Docs__show_addresses_meningitis__shingles_.aspx

Georgia Composite Medical Board
Congratulations to MAG’s Second Vice-President, Debi Dalton, MD, who has been named to the Georgia Composite Medical Board. For more information, please go to https://www.mag.org/georgia/Public/News/News_Articles/MAG_s_2nd_VP_among_Gov._Kemp_s_new_appointments.aspx.

HealtheParadigm
MAG’s technology platform continues to grow with new participants. HealtheParadigm allows you to have all the information on your patients in addition to providing data analytics for your practice.

Just a reminder that we have received grants to pay for the interface costs which means these costs are now covered. This has been a challenge in the past. This savings can be anywhere from $1,000 to $20,000. The actual cost of HealtheParadigm is nominal. For more information, please contact Ryan Larosa at rlarosa@mag.org. A special thanks to the Physicians Foundation for providing the grants for the interface costs. For more information on the grant and the Physicians Foundation, please go to https://www.healtheparadigm.com/News/Industry-News/The-Physicians-Foundation-Announces-Interoperability.aspx.

MACRA Changes
Since MACRA went into effect, AMA and organized medicine have led a number of positive changes to the current law. For more information on the changes, please see the attached document.

Commissioner of Insurance
Recently, Commissioner of Insurance Jim Beck was indicted by the Department of Justice on various felony charges. Governor Brian Kemp is expected to appoint a new commissioner in the near future. We have spoken to the office of the Commissioner of Insurance and have been assured the working groups addressing health insurance issues that we have actively participated are expected to continue. We will keep you updated.

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

Have a safe and enjoyable Memorial Day weekend.
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