Dear all:

Please allow this to be an update of MAG’s activities. All previous updates can be found at http://www.mag.org/resources/executive-directors-message.

**Georgia Composite Medical Board (GCMB)**
The GCMB has proposed amendments to the pain management rules. We have worked closely with the board on this issue with the input from a number of physicians practicing pain management. This rule in more in line with other states around the country and creates an exception to the monitoring for physicians that prescribe less than 30 mg of a morphine equivalent. The proposed rule can be found at http://medicalboard.georgia.gov/sites/medicalboard.georgia.gov/files/related_files/site_page/Rule%20360-3-06%20Pain%20Management.pdf.

**State Level Health Insurance Marketplace**
The health insurance exchanges went “live” on Tuesday. We have received a number of complaints from physicians that they are listed on the insurer’s networks despite “opting out” at the appropriate time. We are sending an alert out today on this very issue. Additionally, we have met with Blue Cross Blue Shield to determine the cause of the problem as well as solution. Please call the insurers and take a look at the products offered on the exchange and see if your information is correct. Blue Cross is calling the products a variety of names, include Pathway Products. Please see http://www.mag.org/news/articles/exchange-marketplace-live and http://www.oci.ga.gov/ConsumerService/AffordableCareAct.aspx for information on the health insurance exchanges.

**President-Elect Forum**
The MAG House of Delegates is set for October 19/20 at Lake Lanier Islands. This year we are having a contested election for President-Elect between Manoj Shah, MD and Jules Toraya, MD. We held a forum last night so each candidate could present their views to the House of Medicine. The recording can be found at http://www.mag.org/news/articles/president-elect-forum.

**GAMPAC Luncheon**
At the MAG House of Delegates, we are proud to report that US Senator Johnny Isakson will be the featured speaker at the GAMPAC luncheon. This is a must see event. More information can be found on the invitation attached to this email. Remember, you have to be a GAMPAC member to attend the luncheon.

**MAG Annual Meeting**
The items of business are posted on the website and can be found at http://www.mag.org/about-us/house-of-delegates. Please take a moment to review the items of business and be prepared to discuss them at the upcoming House of Delegates.

**US Government Shutdown**
In the event you have an interest as to how the government shutdown may impact you, please see the following outline which can be found at http://www.mag.org/news/articles/shut-down.
As always, if you should have any questions, please do not hesitate to call.

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