



A Dozen Reasons Macomb Physicians Should Belong to MSMS/MCMS

1 Advocating for Better Physician Pay

Due to Lansing policies, physician pay is lower in Michigan than in other states. MSMS and MCMS are fighting for better reimbursement from Michigan payors.

2 Reducing Administrative Burdens

MSMS and MCMS worked with a coalition of specialty societies to reform the prior authorization process. Michigan Insurance companies are now required to follow a standardized process and respond in a timely manner to prior authorization requests. MSMS and MCMS are now working on legislation to reform onerous step-therapy requirements instituted by some insurance companies.

3 Protecting Scope of Practice

MSMS and MCMS oppose legislation that would allow advanced practice nurses to order and interpret tests, prescribe opioids, and perform procedures without any physician oversight.

4 Fighting Burnout

Many physician specialties report high rates of burnout. This is not due to a lack of resiliency, but rather a deteriorated workplace. Participating in organized medicine is a constructive way to improve the practice environment and to counter burnout.

5 Having a Voice in the Legislative Process

MSMS and MCMS provide opportunities for members to meet with legislators to ensure that physicians have a say on issues important to our practices.

6 Advancing Public Health

From smoke-free air to firearm safety legislation, MSMS has a long legacy of working with specialty and county medical societies to advance public health initiatives in Michigan.

7 Making Re-Licensure Easy

Macomb County physicians can readily fulfill their state-mandated CME requirements via MSMS online and in-person courses. MSMS has a rich library of on demand webinars and CME courses, including the state-mandated courses on ethics, pain management, human trafficking, and implicit bias.

8 Defending Liability Reforms

MSMS was successful in establishing a requirement that if a board-certified physician is a defendant in a liability case, the plaintiffs' experts must be board certified in the same specialty. MSMS also won a limitation on punitive jury awards. The trial bar is attempting to undo these reforms via appeals to the Michigan Supreme Court. MSMS is in court defending these reforms on behalf of Michigan physicians.

9 Providing Affordable Liability Insurance

MSMS' Insurance Agency is a preferred provider for The Doctor's Company (TDC), a liability insurance company created by physicians for physicians during the height of the liability crisis. Through its insurance agency, MSMS provides a complete line of insurance products to physicians at affordable prices.

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Help with Tough Claims

MSMS Reimbursement Advocate Stacie Saylor, CPC, CPB, assists members and their offices by navigating health plan red tape to “unstick” tough claims-for FREE. Issues brought to MSMS by our members are routinely resolved through our relationships and direct advocacy with payers and policymakers.

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Calling for Enforcement of Michigan’s CPOM Laws

MSMS has asked Michigan’s Attorney General to enforce state law regulating the corporate practice of medicine (CPOM). MSMS continues to monitor this evolving issue and supports the ability of physicians to make decisions that put their patients ahead of equity investors.

12 Addressing the Needs of Employed & Privately Practicing Physicians

As the practice of medicine evolves, MSMS prioritizes developing resources that assist physicians in every practice setting. All physician members have the same opportunity to participate in leadership opportunities and to help develop MSMS policy as the practice landscape changes.

“Michigan physicians are facing ever more burdensome struggles with insurance companies, staffing costs and regulation which consume increasing proportions of our time, contributing to worsening physician burnout. The Michigan State Medical Society and the Macomb County Medical Society are there to advocate for physicians by meeting with legislators as well as payors so that doctors may spend our time focusing on what is important to us – providing our patients with the exemplary medical care that they deserve. I encourage you to support both MCMS and MSMS!”



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