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The Newsletter for Idaho's Family Doctors

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Highlights from the AAFP Scientific Assembly 2011



Attending the American Academy of Family Physician's Scientific Assembly in Orlando this fall was like a big shot of adrenaline for my Family Doc soul. Thousands of energized and optimistic family physicians, residents and medical students from all walks of life convened in one place to share ideas, best practices, and their stories in a celebration of what we do every day: care for our patients. In addition to the great networking and CME aspects of the meeting, it was also a time for prioritizing the issues that affect our ability to care for patients and to also choose our future leaders who will carry this momentum forward on a national level.

Having a front-row seat to this event, I'd like to report some highlights from Orlando to our Idaho membership. [More...](#)

<http://www.idahofamilyphysicians.org/Newsletter%2010-11/Barinaga%20Newsletter%20article%20Oct%202011.pdf>

2011 AAFP Congress of Delegates' Report

Your delegation to the American Academy of Family Physicians Congress of Delegates represented the interests of Idaho's family physicians in Orlando, Florida. For four busy days in mid-September, delegates Bill Woodhouse and Barry Bennett and alternate delegates Suzanne Allen and Dave Schmitz attended committee meetings, caucused, listened to speeches and debate, voted, offered amendments and testified on your behalf. Barry Bennett sat on the Reference Committee on Organization and Finance while Bill Woodhouse was member of the Reference Committee on Practice Enhancement. A sampling of the resolutions that were passed by the Congress of Delegates will give you some idea of the wide range of issues that face family medicine. [More...](#)

<http://www.idahofamilyphysicians.org/Newsletter%2010-11/AAFP%20COD%202011%20Report.pdf>

IDAHO WWAMI SEEKING ADMISSIONS COMMITTEE MEMBERS

The Idaho WWAMI Medical Education Program is seeking two board-certified Idaho physicians to join the Idaho Admissions Committee beginning with the January 2013 interview season. This committee is comprised of four Idaho physician members who interview the Idaho applicants to the University of Washington, School of Medicine. Admissions Committee members are appointed by the Idaho State Board of Education for a three-year term with the option of serving a second three-year term. If you would like to learn more about the position or request an application please contact the Idaho WWAMI offices via e-mail idwwami@uw.edu or phone (208) 364-4544. Deadline for application and

supporting documents is due **October 28, 2011**.

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COMPREHENSIVE PRIMARY CARE INITIATIVE

The Comprehensive Primary Care Initiative announced by the Center for Medicare & Medicaid Innovation is an important breakthrough in reforming our health care policy - focusing our system on patients' needs, ensuring their access to primary care and helping control the cost of health services.

The program begins by encouraging private sector insurers to align their payment systems with the Comprehensive Primary Care Initiative. The initiative will combine fee-for-service with a per-patient, per-month coordination fee that will range from \$8 to \$40, with an average of \$20. CMS then will recruit 75 primary care practices in as many as five to seven regional markets to participate. Those primary care physicians will earn the monthly per-patient fee for both Medicare and Medicaid patients as well as for their patients who are enrolled in participating private sector plans. The cost savings resulting from this reform will be shared with the physicians as an incentive to keep health care affordable.

Why is this important? [More..](#)

<http://www.idahofamilyphysicians.org/Newsletter%2010-11/AAFPSummaryofCPCI.pdf>

Medicare eRx Payment Adjustment - November 1, 2011 Deadline Approaching

Eligible professionals and group practices should determine if they are subject to the 2012 eRx Payment Adjustment by reviewing the [MLN Article SE1107](#). If you believe you may be subject to the 2012 eRx payment adjustment, you should determine if you meet any of the hardship exemption categories specified by CMS in the 2011 Medicare Electronic Prescribing (eRx) Incentive Program Final Rule.

A [Quick Reference Guide](#) is available to help you understand the changes that the eRx Final Rule made to the 2011 Medicare eRx Incentive Program. As a result of changes to the program, eligible professionals and group practices have until November 1, 2011, to submit a significant hardship exemption request and rationale. Individual eligible professionals must submit their hardship exemption requests through the [Quality Communications Support Page](#), while group practices participating under the group practice reporting option (GPRO) must submit hardship exemption requests via a letter to CMS. [Additional information and resources](#) are available. [More information...](#)

<http://www.idahofamilyphysicians.org/Newsletter%2010-11/Electronic%20Prescribing.cms.pdf>

Meet the 2011-2012 University of Idaho First Year WWAMI Students

[See the roster...](#)

<http://www.idahofamilyphysicians.org/Newsletter%2010-11/WWAMI-UI%202011%20photo%20roster.pdf>

THE ABFM MC-FP EXAMINATION IS MOVING TO APRIL IN 2012

Beginning in 2012, the ABFM MC-FP examination will be held in April instead of July. Diplomates who are in good standing and hold a currently valid, full, and unrestricted license to practice medicine in the US or Canada are eligible to apply for and take the examination. [More...](#)

<http://www.idahofamilyphysicians.org/Newsletter%2010-11/THE%20ABFM%20MC.pdf>

Weekly Reports on Family Medicine Specific Information from Capitol Hill

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<http://www.idahofamilyphysicians.org/legislative.html>

LOOKING FOR PRACTICE OPPORTUNITIES - Log on to the IAFP Web Page for a list of practice opportunities.

<http://www.idahofamilyphysicians.org/jobs.html>



More than 2,000 Healthcare Providers Sign Up for WIREC's Free Technical Assistance to Reach Meaningful Use of EHRs.

Enrollment Still Open.

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services have already begun making incentive payments to healthcare providers who demonstrate meaningful use of electronic health record systems (EHRs). Providers who meet all the requirements can earn incentives of up to \$44,000 from Medicare or \$63,750 from Medicaid.

The Washington & Idaho Regional Extension Center for Health Information Technology (WIREC)-a program spearheaded by Qualis Health and several partner organizations across the region- just reached its 2,000 enrollee milestone, putting them at 86% of their enrollment goals. [More...](#)

<http://www.idahofamilyphysicians.org/Newsletter%2010-11/WIREC%20IAFP%20Newsletter%20Article.pdf>

THE FUTURE OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS

Smoke-free policies are becoming the norm for indoor and outdoor venues. But Big Tobacco is once again ahead of the game. Here's a brief look at some of the new products being sold by the tobacco industry. [More...](#)

<http://www.idahofamilyphysicians.org/Newsletter%2010-11/The%20Future%20of%20Tobacco%20Products%20article%20Aug%2011%202011%20for%20Sept%20Oct%20Newsletter.pdf>

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Active Members:

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Andrew Richard Baron, MD, FAAFP Meridian

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