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CONCERNS

Walgreens expanding with medical-care clinics

Chicago-area clinics could be on the horizon; CMS asks questions

WHEN THE WALGREEN CO. ANNOUNCED last January it was examining the idea of opening clinics in its stores, CMS wanted to know more. In a letter to the chairman and CEO of the pharmacy chain, President Steven M. Malkin, MD, relayed his concerns over issues like physician oversight, patient privacy, continuity of care, and self-referral. On April 19, Walgreens officials met with CMS leaders and expressed their willingness to address doctors' concerns and work

with the medical profession. So far, Walgreens has indicated the clinics would provide acute care only and treat adults only. A future meeting, which could spell out more details, is being planned.

Not long after talking with CMS, the company announced plans to develop more than 20 clinics in its Kansas City and St. Louis stores in addition to opening in-store clinics elsewhere in the country later this year. According to spokesman Michael Polzin, "We are looking at Chicago, but we do not have any definite plans right now." He would not say how many of its nearly 5,200 stores in 45 states it wants to eventually staff with retail clinics.

HIGH HANDICAP? NO PROBLEM

Gearing up for CMS September golf outing

THE 8TH ANNUAL CMS GOLF OUTING begins with a shotgun start at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 13, at the Ruffled Feathers Golf Club in Lemont, Ill. Foursomes will play in a scramble format with players awarded

prizes for a variety of feats including: longest putt, longest drive, closest to the pin, greatest number of trees hit, shortest drive and comical accomplishments.

A portion of the event proceeds will be donated toward the creation of a Regional Patient Safety Simulator. This simulator, once built, will help to improve the quality of patient care in the Chicago area.

Registration for this event has already begun. Members and non-members alike are invited, even those with handicaps above 15! Make your reservation today by calling (312) 329-7332; faxing (312) 670-3646; or going online at www.cmsdocs.org.

(See registration information on pages 2 and 3)

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To register online, please visit www.cmsdocs.org

WHEN: September 13, 2006
12 p.m. Registration & Lunch
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COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

New leaders elected

Following are the highlights of the CMS Council meeting on Tuesday, May 9, at Maggiano's Banquets.

LEADERS ELECTED

The Council approved the uncontested nominations of the following:

Chairman of the Council

William A. McDade, MD

Trustees

Thomas M. Anderson, Jr., MD
Edgar A. Borda, MD

Councilors-at-Large

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Anna Szpindor, MD
William G. Troyer, Jr., MD
Michael J. Wasserman, MD

Judicial Panel

Peter E. Eupierre, MD

Vice-chairman of the Council

For this contested position, both Julian J. Rimpila, MD, and David A. Loiterman, MD, were allotted time to make a five-minute speech; the Council then voted by secret ballot, electing Dr. Loiterman.

DISTRICTS ELECT LEADERS

The Council approved the elections of District officers, councilors, alternate councilors, delegates and alternate delegates to ISMS.

Sharad Khandelwal, MD, District 5 president, was elected by the District to serve as CMS trustee, replacing Dr. Loiterman.

FUTURE OF MCC TO BE DEBATED

CMS leadership will hold a retreat this summer;

one of the items to be discussed is the future of the Midwest Clinical Conference. A clear mandate exists for education, although opinion is mixed on whether to go back to the old format or continue with smaller meetings.

Council adopts new CMS policies

DOCTORS SHOULD BE PAID, TOO, FOR THEIR SERVICES

- Encourages individuals or groups with complaints about insurance deductibles to bring their concerns, along with evidence, to Mr. Ken Ryan at the ISMS.

"I'M SORRY"

- Adopts a full disclosure policy and endorses the "I'm Sorry" legislation (735ILCS 5/8-1901)(from Ch. 110, par. 8-1901) for responding to medical errors and granting legal protection to physicians from their apologies being used against them in court; communicates this policy to other county medical societies, the Chicago Bar Association, the Illinois Bar Association, and the Illinois Hospital Association for their support in implementing risk management teams to educate doctors and hospitals on using "I'm Sorry."

THE PRIVILEGED CLASS IN MEDICINE

- Acknowledges the disparities in reimbursement and monitors and supports proposed and ongoing pilot programs—specifically the Advanced Medical Home project—designed to improve quality of care and improve reimbursement to primary care physicians; communicates this policy to ISMS

INSURANCE DISCRIMINATION

- Encourages ISMIE Mutual to lift its moratorium on new business as soon as it is economically feasible.

MEDICARE DEDUCTIBLE

- Encourages doctors who are having problems with deductible payments to forward their complaints to Mr. Ken Ryan at ISMS.

CENTER FOR HEALTH POLICY AND LAW

- Supports the concept of a Center for Health Policy and Law comprised of the University of Illinois at

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS *(continued)*

Chicago College of Medicine and Institute of Government and Public Affairs at the University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana with representation from CMS and ISMS. This body would, among other functions, advise government bodies on appropriate health care policy and legislation.

COUNCIL MEMBERS RECOGNIZED FOR SERVICE

Five years

Shahriar Dadkhah, MD,
Arvind Madhani, MD
Joseph Michelotti, MD
Todd Patterson, MD
John F. Shea, MD
Kiritkumar Trivedi, MD

Ten years

Alan J. Axelrod, MD
Anne E. Hong, MD
Ramasamy Kalimuthu, MD
David A. Loiterman, MD
Zofia Szymanska, MD

Twenty years

Dennis M. Brown, MD
M.R. Jayasanker, MD

ISMS UPDATE

ISMS President Peter E. Eupierre, MD, reported on activities at the state level.

- ISMS recently adopted policy opposing pre-certification for diagnostic imaging.
- ISMS will seek legislation to protect disaster relief volunteers from liability for acts of omission.
- ISMS will support a constitutional amendment for caps on non-economic damage awards.
- ISMS proposed two bills now awaiting the gov-

ernor's signature—Hospitalists and Organ Donation Preservation.

- Physicians should be familiar with AMA guidelines on pay-for-performance.
- ISMS sent 13 resolutions to this year's AMA House of Delegates.



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CMS OFFERINGS

Emergency and public health preparedness courses to go online

EFFECTIVE AUG. 1, THE CHICAGO MEDICAL Society will be making emergency preparedness training even more convenient for physicians to obtain. The lectures "Avian Influenza and the Potential for a Pandemic" and "Emergency Preparedness Planning for the Community Physician" will be available online for one CME credit each. (*Training is available to all health-care professionals, although currently only physicians can obtain CME credit.*) Past preparedness lectures, "Survey of Bioterrorist Threats," and "Emerging Infectious Diseases in the U.S.: Focus on SARS," will also be available for one credit each through Aug. 31, 2006.

Beginning Aug. 1, courses can be accessed by going to www.cmsdocs.org and clicking on the link to the "CMS Meetings/Events/Classes" section.

To receive credit, you must sign in electronically, watch the lecture, and then complete the post-test questions and evaluations form. Submit the questions and evaluation to Chicago Medical Society Emergency

Preparedness Training, 515 N. Dearborn St., Chicago, IL 60610; or fax to (312) 670-3646. CMS will mail your CME certificate to you within three weeks of receipt of your completed materials. Participants must receive a test score of at least 70 percent and respond to all evaluation questions to receive a CME certificate.

Members will be charged a \$10 processing fee; the non-member rate is \$15.

Live presentations of the 2006 emergency preparedness lecture on avian influenza have already begun.

For those who prefer to attend a live version of this lecture, *which are offered free of charge*, the following general session dates and locations are still open for registration:

- Sept. 20, 3-4 p.m. at the East Bank Club, Chicago.
- Oct. 18, 3-4 p.m. at the Oak Lawn Hilton.

If you have any questions about the online courses, or would like to schedule a session at your location, or register for one of the general sessions, contact Ellen Wuennenberg at (312) 329-7326.

Chicago joins "Cover the Uninsured Week"

A PRESS CONFERENCE HELD IN MERCY Hospital's emergency room helped draw local attention to the plight of the uninsured, while also kicking off a week of activities here to raise awareness and assistance for those without health insurance.

Cities around the country observed Cover the Uninsured Week May 1-7, a national event organized by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation.

Speakers at Mercy included former Illinois Attorney General Jim Ryan; John R. Lumpkin, MD, MPH, senior vice president for health care at the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation; Barry Maram, director of the Illinois Department of Health Care and Family Services; and Illinois Senator Iris Martinez. They were joined by CMS Past President and current ISMS President Peter E. Eupierre, MD, who, in addition to speaking at the kick-off, participated on a segment of public television's "Chicago Tonight" program.

According to Census Bureau estimates, 1.76 million people (14 percent of the population) in Illinois lack health insurance. Of them, the state estimates that approximately 253,000 are children. An estimated 38.4 percent of adult Illinoisans without health

insurance did not see a doctor in 2004, the State Health Access Data Assistance Center has reported.

The April 26 kick-off was followed by dozens of health and enrollment fairs, including registration for *All Kids*, interfaith events, campus activities, small business summits, and news conferences.

Policy change: JCAHO making unannounced inspections

IN AN EFFORT TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF patient care, the Joint Commission on the Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations has ended its 55-year history of making regularly scheduled visits to hospitals, nursing homes and clinics. Effective last Jan. 1, the accrediting body began making surprise routine visits. The commission decided that the time and energy of hospital executives and their staffs would be better spent on day-to-day compliance rather than preparing for a regularly scheduled triennial event.

Prisons and facilities run by the Defense Department will receive five days' warning so that inspectors can obtain security clearances.

Medicare physician payment cuts deeper than expected

THE MEDICARE TRUSTEES' REPORT RELEASED May 1 projects steep long-term cuts in Medicare payments to physicians that will harm seniors' access to care. Next year's cut of 4.7 percent is just the beginning, as the trustees now project that Medicare physician payments will fall 37 percent over the next nine years.

At the same time as these steep Medicare cuts, the government projects that practice costs will increase 22 percent.

"Nearly half, 45 percent, of the physicians surveyed by the AMA say next year's Medicare cut will force them to either decrease or stop seeing new Medicare patients," said AMA Board Chair Duane M. Cady, MD. "Physicians want to treat

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IFQHC: Be an active health care participant

CMS supports the adoption of electronic health records throughout the health-care system. We encourage patients and physicians to lobby their legislators to implement tax credits or other incentives so that more physicians can invest in this promising new technology.

WHETHER A PATIENT'S MEDICAL RECORDS are currently in paper format on a physician's desk or stored electronically, it is important that everyone in the health-care field become an active participant in ensuring the security, privacy and accuracy of that medical information.

The Illinois Foundation for Quality Health Care encourages patients and physicians to develop a dialogue about how medical information is stored and transported and to work together to promote wider use of electronic health records (EHRs) technology.

For several years now, the federal government has made the widespread adoption of EHRs throughout the health-care field an ongoing priority. The use of EHRs is strongly encouraged for

their ability to lower costs, reduce medical errors, improve quality of care, and provide better information for patients and physicians.

EHRs also have the ability to increase the privacy and security of a patient's medical information, carrying patients through the health-care continuum in a seamless and secure manner. From an annual check-up at the physician's office, emergency care at a hospital, long-term care in a nursing home or aid from a home health provider, a patient's electronic medical records will be up-to-date, accessible by the appropriate caregiver, and protected.

Medical technology is increasing every day and health-care quality is consistently on the rise, but with private practice physicians seeing 15–20 patients a day and hospitals seeing even more, the privacy and security of medical information should be everyone's concern, patients and health-care providers alike.

Beth Hackman

Vice President

Illinois Foundation for Quality Health Care

COSTS

Medical liability reform falls short in U.S. Senate

A MAJORITY OF U.S. SENATORS VOTED TO stop a filibuster on medical liability reform, but the bill fell short of the 60 votes needed to move the legislation to the Senate floor. Forty-eight senators approved the "Medical Care Access Protection Act" (S. 22), which included a \$250,000 limit on non-economic damages for physicians in medical liability cases. The legislation was based on reforms working in Texas to stop that state's medical liability crisis.

A similar reform bill, "Healthy Mothers and Healthy Babies Access to Care Act of 2006," or S. 23, was blocked as well, although it would have applied only to obstetricians. The vote was 49-44, with both Senators Durbin and Obama voting against it.

In related news, a Harvard study published in *The New England Journal of Medicine* found that 40 percent of medical liability lawsuits are filed with either no verifiable medical injuries or errors.

"Of the cases that go to trial, physicians are found not negligent 83 percent of the time, but defense costs average more than \$90,000 and time away from patient care," said AMA Trustee Cecil

B. Wilson, MD, in response to the study. "As the study points out, 'the overhead costs of malpractice litigation are exorbitant.'"

Small business health plan sinks

A BILL TO ALLOW SMALL BUSINESSES TO band together across state lines to buy health insurance for employees stalled in the Senate after Republicans failed to get the 60 votes needed to limit debate. It was the third health-related proposal not to pass in the chamber during the Senate's "health week" ending May 12.

Supporters say the insurance proposal would help more small companies provide coverage for workers by freeing their trade groups from having to comply with costly and differing state requirements. Democrats argued it would allow insurers and small business groups to bypass state-ordered protections and in some cases raise costs for firms with sicker workers.

Despite revisions to the bill, it was still opposed by the AARP, American Cancer Society, and American Diabetes Association. They argued that it would strip away protections for consumers, including state laws that mandate insurance coverage for cancer screenings, and would endanger sick or older workers.

Chicago Pediatric Society honors its own

THE CHICAGO PEDIATRIC SOCIETY HOSTED its Annual Dinner and Awards Ceremony at the University of Chicago's Quadrangle Club on May 16, 2006. The dinner allowed members to gather with colleagues and family while honoring outstanding local pediatricians.

Outgoing CPS President Lindsay Maitland, MD, led the group in reflecting on a successful year. Topics ranged from wound care in the office setting to parental refusal of childhood vaccination to a joint meeting with the Chicago Gynecological Society to discuss polycystic ovary syndrome in adolescents.

This year's recipient of the Joseph P. Brenne- man Award was William Meadow, MD, a professor of pediatrics, co-director of neonatology at the University of Chicago, and the assistant director of the MacLean Center for Clinical Medical Ethics. Dr. Meadow was celebrated for his research in neonatology ethics. The Brenne- man Award recognizes meritorious research in pedi-

atric medicine. A member of CPS, Dr. Brenne- man was responsible for many advances in the teaching of pediatrics.

The Archibald L. Hoyne Award recipient was Patricia Conard, MD. This award recognizes pediatricians who embody the best attributes of clinicians: compassion, curiosity, love of children, and dedication to lifelong learning. Dr. Conard was honored as an outstanding pediatric clinician and excellent example for colleagues and students. .

The evening's final award, the John C. Cook Award, went to Beth Volin, MD, for her dedication to underserved populations. Dr. Volin helped establish KidSHIP, a health-care program that serves homeless children and youth in Chicago. The Cook Award honors the founding father of CPS, a physician and exceptional humanitarian. Recipients are recognized for their substantial contributions to the welfare of Chicago children through advocacy, activism, or public service.

AT YOUR LEISURE

Cuisine Bourgeoise at Bucktown's Café Matou



Dinner and Rolls (Royce that is)

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2-HOUR UPDATE:

- Friday, July 28: Evanston Hospital, 10 a.m.-12 noon.
- Wednesday, Aug. 23: Chicago Medical Society Bldg. (Downtown), 10 a.m.--12 noon.
- Friday, Sept. 15: Oak Lawn Hilton, 9 -11 a.m.

- Wednesday, Sept. 27: Swedish Covenant Hospital, 2-4 p.m.

- Wednesday, Oct. 4: Chicago Medical Society Bldg. (Downtown), 9-11 a.m.

- Thursday, Oct. 26: Advocate Lutheran General Hospital, 3:30-5:30 p.m.

- Wednesday, Nov. 1: Swedish Covenant Hospital, 2-4 p.m.

1-HOUR REFRESHER

- Friday, Sept. 15: Oak Lawn Hilton Hotel, 11 a.m.-12 noon.

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Day 4
 Tournon - Excursion to Tain l'Her-
 mitage.

Day 5
 Vienne/Lyon - Walking tour and
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Day 6
 Lyon - City tour of Lyon, the heart
 of Provence.

Day 7
 Beaune - Enjoy our last day with
 a Burgundy wine tour and after-
 noon at leisure.

Day 8
 Chalon-sur-Saone - Transfer to
 airport for flights home or Paris.

Paris
 (optional)

September 24-27

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