Dear Colleague:

The Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation (IDFPR) requires that all Illinois-licensed physicians review and verify their online profiles and provide additional required information. These profiles must be completed online by Nov. 15, 2007, in preparation for the new licensing period that begins on July 1, 2008. Participation is mandatory and failure to update your online physician profile can result in disciplinary action.

The Chicago Medical Society, in conjunction with the Illinois State Medical Society, is working to assist its members through this process. For those physicians who need help accessing the Internet or navigating the IDFPR Web site, CMS and ISMS have set up staff-supported computer workstations at their respective offices. ISMS has also set up a telephone helpline for physicians at (800) MDASIST or (800) 632-7478.

Here is a physician profile resource that will help you through the update process: www.idfpr.com/update.asp. When you go to this site, you will find a profile update guide, frequently asked questions and the ‘login’ to update your profile. Your ‘login’ is your license number and either your pin number, social security number, or date of birth. To contact IDFPR directly, phone (217) 524-4972, or e-mail: FPR.Profile@Illinois.gov.

If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact CMS’ Membership Services Department at (312) 670-2550.

CMS is always available to provide physician support and be a valuable resource to our members.

Thank you,

Saroja Bharati, MD
President, CMS
CMS COUNCILORS LEARNED MORE ABOUT the imperiled Cook County health system when Board President Todd Stroger addressed our Council on Tuesday, Sept. 11.

Before an audience of over 100, Mr. Stroger shared his view of the County’s goals and accomplishments. Citing his greatest challenge, a massive budget deficit, Mr. Stroger said he was forced to cut staff and reduce services in order to preserve core County principles.

Despite backlash from the media and political opponents, Mr. Stroger said he still believes he made the right decisions, although he said he regrets not having time to discuss the budget process with the public prior to its implementation.

Yet, as the result of sizeable cutbacks, he claims that the County is saving millions while continuing to serve those most in need. Mr. Stroger read off a list of his stated accomplishments: steps to privatize services, spur community and economic development, increase efficiencies, reduce wait times, add pharmacies and fill more prescriptions, double the number of ambulatory screening rooms—at a time when government subsidies are drying up.

At Mr. Stroger’s request, CFO John Cookingham described the County’s efforts to increase Medicaid payments and require patients to pay more for services, including a $3 fee for prescription drugs. Both he and Mr. Stroger repeatedly pointed to inadequate federal and state funding and called for new remedies.

Following his talk, Mr. Stroger took questions from the audience. CMS physicians asked about professional staff morale, stabilizing the system, and the possibility of an outside independent evaluation. One questioner wondered how, in light of tightened billing practices, County could help patients who choose to opt out of treatment for fear of not being able to pay for essential care.

The Stroger visit to CMS reflects the Society’s emphasis on maintaining an open, constructive dialogue between itself and city and county officials, said CMS President Saroja Bharati, MD. She welcomed future conversations with Mr. Stroger’s office.

Last winter, CMS, through a Council resolution, strongly opposed the massive budget cuts that sacrificed scores of frontline physicians. The Society also urged Mr. Stroger to abide by state law and County Hospital’s own medical staff bylaws.

A new Ad Hoc Committee on Senior Physicians, chaired by Past President Joseph L. Murphy, MD, is gearing up for activity. Composed of emeritus, retired and practicing physicians aged 60 and older, the committee is charged with supporting and promoting membership, outreach endeavors, educational opportunities, political participation, and mentoring programs.
An Ad Hoc Committee to evaluate the Regional Patient Safety Simulation Center, led by President-elect William A. McDade, MD, is up and running. The committee is examining ways to make the Center functional and useful to CMS members. In the first meeting, committee members outlined steps for convening a network, creating train-the-trainer programs, and inviting hospitals to participate.

NEW POLICIES ADOPTED
The Council voted to adopt the language of three resolutions passed at the AMA meeting in June. These resolutions originated at CMS; the wording adopted by AMA will replace existing CMS policy.

SUPPORT OF SIDS RESEARCH—Supports research into SIDS and encourages medical examiners and coroners to collect tissue samples for research purposes from infants who have died suddenly and unexpectedly, to the extent permissible by law. (Adopted by AMA)

REDUCING TRANS FATS—Encourages and promotes the reduction of trans fats in order to maintain good health and lower the risk for coronary artery disease; calls for the replacement of trans fats with healthier fats or oils. (Adopted by AMA)

STANDARD HEALTH CARE BENEFIT—Supports the establishment of guidelines to evaluate the adequacy of health insurance options. Guidelines should suggest a wide array of age-appropriate coverage options, provisions to assist low-income individuals with high costs, and mechanisms to educate patients and assist them with making informed choices. (Adopted by AMA)

RESPONSE TO MAYO CLINIC PROCEEDINGS’ ARTICLE ENTITLED “PHYSICIAN PARTICIPATION IN CAPITAL PUNISHMENT”—Directs CMS to join the ISMS and the AMA in writing a letter to the editor of the Mayo Clinic Proceedings, explaining the basis for medical professional opposition to participation by health professionals in executions and the role of the medical professional association in protecting the ethical integrity of the profession.

COUNCIL TO DISCUSS SINGLE PAYER SYSTEM
CMS councilors are being asked whether CMS should support a series of recommendations made by the Ad Hoc Committee on Single Payer System. The recommendations stem from a report comparing healthcare delivery in the U.S. with single payer health systems in Germany, Canada, and the U.K.

The Council will vote on those recommendations at the next Council meeting.

CME MISSION STATEMENT
The continuing medical education mission statement for 2007-2008 reads as follows:

“To promote the quality of medical care, in conjunction with joint sponsors, to the people of Chicago and the surrounding areas by enhancing the knowledge and skills of U.S. licensed physicians in the changing healthcare environment.”

CMS APPROVES CENTRALIZED BILLING PLAN
Beginning with the 2008 membership year, ISMS is assuming responsibility for all CMS dues billing and collection activities. The one-year pilot program aims to reduce duplication of services and allow CMS to focus on recruitment and retention.

Under the agreement, ISMS will prepare and
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send all 2008 dues renewal invoices for mutual members, process all returned dues renewals, and remit collected dues to CMS, AMA and IMPAC. New membership applications will continue to be handled by CMS, in accordance with current protocols and procedures.

This one-year pilot program will be reevaluated by both CMS and ISMS in April 2008.

Other highlights of the CMS Council meeting:
• At the outset of the meeting, Dr. Bharati welcomed Mr. Theodore Kanellakes as the new CMS executive director. Mr. Kanellakes, who joined CMS in 1995, was previously director of Membership Services and director of the CMS Service Bureau. CMS Past President Steven M. Malkin, MD, who chaired the Search Committee, detailed the process of selecting the executive director for the Society.
• Thanks to an aggressive recruitment campaign, approximately 300 members joined CMS this spring and summer, over half of them students.

Dr. Bharati congratulated students for their efforts in recruiting new members to the Society.
• A recent CME program will be available online. Humanitarian Relief Through Telemedicine: Information Technology to Build Global Bridges in Medicine was held Sept. 8 at Northwestern University. It was sponsored by CMS and the Center for International Rehabilitation. (See story on pages 6-7).
• The 2008 Midwest Clinical Conference is scheduled for March 27-29 at the University of Chicago. Tarek Karaman, MD, is the MCC committee chairman.
• Presidential recommendations to the Nominating Committee were announced as follows: Edward Abraham, MD; Joan E. Cummings, MD; Richard A. Geline, MD; Jose Medina, MD; Robert W. Panton, MD; and Kenneth J. Printen, MD. Each will serve a three-year term that expires in 2010.
• Presidential appointments to fill vacancies on the Nominating Committee are: Adrienne L. Fregeia, MD; Neal Patel, student; and Steven M. Malkin, MD.
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Now, trial lawyers want to overturn this fair, sensible—and necessary—reform and take us back to the dark days of excessive jury awards, higher medical liability premiums, escalating health care costs, and reduced access to care for patients.

Don’t let trial lawyers destroy the progress we’ve made on medical lawsuit reform. Let’s continue working to close the wounds, provide patients with the care they deserve, and keep physicians in Illinois.

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THE INTERNET IS NOW BEING USED TO SAVE lives. From Ecuador to Cambodia to Uganda, “Telemedicine” is reaching across borders to change the way healthcare is delivered to underserved areas.

Physician volunteers are needed to help in this paradigm shift in humanitarian medicine, according to William Kennedy Smith, MD, director, Center for International Rehabilitation (CIR), Chicago.

Speaking before a CMS-sponsored program at Northwestern University on Sept. 8, Dr. Smith, along with colleagues Jay H. Sanders, MD, and Ronald C. Merrell, MD, informed fellow physicians how their expertise can help their counterparts worldwide. The program was moderated and organized by CMS President Saroja Bharati, MD.

Dr. Smith encouraged physicians to sign up with iCons in Medicine. The organization uses the Internet to link volunteers, who provide teleconsultation to primary care doctors in remote and medically underserved areas of the world. Volunteers give just a few hours a month, from the convenience of their home or office.

“Besides providing the humanitarian aspect, your volunteering can foster a deeper understanding of health disparities, while nurturing insights that can lead to political, social and economic change,” Dr. Smith said.

For more information, and to volunteer, please visit www.iconsinmed.org, or call the Center for International Rehabilitation at (312) 280-4970.
More than 100 physicians from the Chicago area signed up for the Telemedicine program at Northwestern, earning three hours of CME credit. The program was well received by attendees.

Dr. Bharati visits with Dr. Smith and Dr. Smith’s mother, Jean Kennedy Smith, former U.S. Ambassador to Ireland.

Pediatrician Allen Golberg, MD, asks the panel a question.

Drs. Melvin Gerbie (left) and Robert Vanecko, CMS past president, review Telemedicine program highlights.

Charles L. Bennett, MD, PhD, (left) discusses the global reach of Telemedicine with Drs. Bharati, Smith, Sanders and Merrell.
CMS Midwest Clinical Conference (MCC) Committee members met to plan the annual 20-hour CME program for March 27-29, 2008. Shown clockwise, from front, are Tarek Karaman, MD, MCC Committee chair; Drs. Kenneth Printen, CMS past president; Edgar A. Borda; Julian J. Rimpila; Joseph L. Murphy, CMS past president; Annette Boksa, CMS staff; Dr. Vijay Yeldandi; and Cecilia Merino, CMS education director.

There are important benefits in joining organized medicine, CMS President Bharati said when she spoke before the Rush Student Orientation on Sept. 19. Here, she meets with second-year student Pooja Oza.
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AFTER WEEKS OF INCREASINGLY COOL weather and cloudy skies, Mother Nature rolled back the clock on Wednesday, Sept. 26, giving golfers a day that seemed to be lifted from the most temperate weeks of Spring. With clear blue skies and beautiful lush greens, 71 golfers and their guests enjoyed an afternoon of golf and camaraderie on the beautifully tended Ruffled Feathers Golf and Country Club in Lemont, IL. CMS members and their guests competed for fun and healthy competition in foursomes on an 18-hole, scramble-style tournament.

In the end, the team containing National City representatives Glenn Gray, Will Miller, John Pestikas, and Rollin Sofkin won the day, with a total 18-hole score of 52, an impressive 20 strokes under par. Other milestones were celebrated as well—Emanuel Worley was awarded the distinction of Longest Drive on hole #4, while Dr. Diego Tio proudly claimed the distinction of Closest to the Pin at hole #11. The Longest Putt award went to Steve Kelanic, while Jim Rauh of ISMIE won the yearly putting contest.

Following the day’s events, the doctors and their guests mingled at the buffet dinner while listening attentively as names were called, each hoping to win one of the many prizes, totaling more than $3000.

Dr. Ernesto Languido keeps his eye on the ball.

A break between swings: from left, Dr. Christopher Barbour, Dr. Hythem Shadid, Dr. Kamala Ghaey, and Ken Ghaey.
Prizes included: a $75 gift certificate to Rosebud Restaurants; a $200 gift certificate toward a cocktail and sumelaria party at Quartino Restaurant; A $50 gift certificate from Maggiano’s; a complementary foursome of golf with carts from Ruffled Feathers; A DVD player/recorder from AVW TELAV Audio Visual Solutions; 12 admission tickets to Arlington Park Racetrack; a $75 gift certificate for The Green at Grant Park; Dinner for two at the Millennium Knickerbocker’s Nix Bistro; guest passes, with lunch or dinner, at the East Bank Club; two tickets for an evening of laughs at the Second City Theater; gift certificate to Weber Grill; deluxe poker sets; a chipping net and a practice net for golf practice; a set of Chicago Bears folding chairs; a pair of video iPods; an Eddie Bauer bocce ball set; and a pair of “winner take all” raffles that included a free golf bag.

This year’s sponsors were the CMS Insurance Agency; PBT; ProAssurance; National City; AXA; Ameriprise Financial; Bank of America; Open for Business, American Express; and the outing’s co-organizer, the DuPage County Medical Society.
MEDICAID WOES? ARE YOU FRUSTRATED with the “never-ending” hassles of Medicaid claims submissions and resubmissions? Watch your mail in the next few weeks for a resource that can help you submit clean claims and expedite payment.

ISMS’ new Medicaid Billings Basics, Resources and Tools is the fourth in a series of advocacy brochures aimed at assisting members with the stream of sometimes obtuse Medicaid billing procedures and rules. It’s chock full of hands-on, practical information for practice and billing managers in a medical office.

Unfortunately, this information cannot in and of itself fix Medicaid’s abysmally low pay rates for many medical specialties. With the state’s current budget crisis continually making headlines, the future does not appear bright for this important government safety net. ISMS’ division of member advocacy monitors Medicaid’s payment cycle, and stands ready to intervene on behalf of physician members who experience lengthy pay cycles for Medicaid claims reimbursement. ISMS also continues to press the state to live up to its prompt pay commitments for physicians.

Please call ISMS’ division of member advocacy if you need help tracking the status of a Medicaid claim, an ally to intervene on your behalf, or a refresher on Medicaid’s rules. We can help! Advocacy@isms.org; (800) 782-4767, ext. 1470.

Calling All Practice Managers: You can now gain complete access to a wealth of informational resources and helpful tools on the ISMS Web site. If your doc is an ISMS member, simply contact the Society to obtain your very own logon information for the members’ only portion of ISMS online. There you’ll find comprehensive medical-legal guidelines to answer common medical practice dilemmas, model forms and procedures for use in a medical office, legislative analyses, and advice and guidance on what to look out for in health plan contract language.

To help practice managers keep up-to-date on trends and issues affecting medical practice, ISMS now also offers Off the Charts, a quarterly e-newsletter for medical office staff.

To gain access to the ISMS members only Web site and Off the Charts, contact Sarah Bleeden; Bleeden@isms.org; (800) 782-4767, ext. 6525.

Medicare Fix Down to the Wire … Again: Congressional haggling earlier this fall resulted in the hopefully temporary demise of a two-year positive update for physician Medicare reimbursements.

Originally, language effectuating a reversal of the 10% physician pay cut slated for January 1st had been packaged with congressional extension for the State Children’s Health Insurance Program. However, disagreements forced the Medicare fix out of the bill, and now it will have to move forward on its own before year’s end.

Physicians are rightfully voicing frustration over this annual déjà vu moment, as a signal of the feds’ continuing callous disregard for patient access to care. AMA, AARP, and the

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Patient Safety, Crib Recall: ISMS is cooperating with Illinois Attorney General Lisa Madigan’s office to alert patients to safety issues with Simplicity and Graco cribs. One million of these cribs sold between 1998 and 2007 have been recalled after the deaths of three infants, seven entrapments, and 55 other incidents.

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The Raymond E. Hoffmann, MD, Medical Benevolence Fund provides temporary financial support to ISMS member physicians or their dependents during times of hardship.

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The clinic needs three more examination tables, furniture, wall-mounted blood pressure apparatus, otoscope and ophthalmoscopes in working condition. Any donations of these items by local physicians are greatly appreciated.

Please contact Marella L. Hanumadass, MD, Executive Director, Indian American Medical Association (IL) Charitable Foundation at (630) 530-4052; Fax: (630) 530-4173; or hanumadass@aol.com

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