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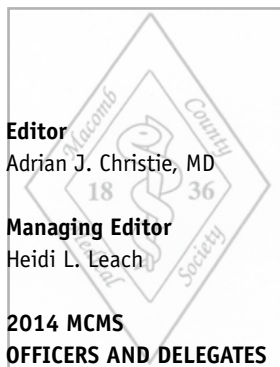
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Is “Obamacare” Designed to Fail?



By: Adrian J. Christie, MD

WE ARE LIVING IN A UNIQUE POLITICAL ENVIRONMENT, where a massive entitlement program misnamed The Affordable Care Act (ACA), affecting one sixth of the US economy, was forced through the Congress on Christmas Eve 4 years ago, a 2700 page bill read by few and without a single Republican vote.

Despite the incongruity of the federal

government mandating that everyone buy health insurance- why not Ford cars or home mortgages- this mandate was upheld as legal by the Supreme Court on account of the chief justice Roberts giving a convoluted explanation where he claimed that the penalty for not purchasing the insurance was a tax, like income tax, permitted at the Federal level. This Act is now the law of the land and can only be reversed by a change in government leadership including a new president. What disturbs me perhaps more than anything are the exceptions being made by the president and his executive branch for members of Congress and their staff, and unions in the government’s favor, not mentioning the arbitrary delays in implementation which appear to be designed to mitigate the political electoral consequences of the changes brought about by the Act. If the ACA is now enshrined into law, then surely it must be unconstitutional to make significant changes without involvement of the same legislative body, namely Congress, that passed this law in the first place.

No comparable massive entitlement program has ever been successfully attempted by one political party without bipartisan support; even bipartisanship may be insufficient, as witness the collapse of a catastrophic health care plan for seniors in the late 1980’s proposed by the Reagan administration with support from Democrats. Medicare was passed in 1965 during the Johnson administration with bipartisan support and remains a popular program with the elderly, but its funds are being raided by “Obamacare” and it may become unsustainable if changes are not made. One thing is very clear. As people at the lower end of

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the socioeconomic scale lose their previous health insurance on account of government mandates, and that includes the young and healthy that may have so-called “catastrophic policies” with low cost premiums, there is massive enrollment in Medicaid which reimburses doctors at a pathetically low rate. The cost in office time and labor of collecting payments from these government programs may exceed the payments - and many doctors justifiably refuse to take more patients on these plans as even the most altruistic of physicians has to pay his staff and office bills.

Some speculate that “Obamacare” is designed to fail, as one commentator puts it, like “a controlled explosion”, so that the majority of Americans would welcome a single payer, government-run health care system. Improbable as this may seem, President Obama, Senate leader Harry Reid and former House Speaker Nancy Pelosi are all on record as favoring a single payer system. Even were this so, the public anger ensuing from millions of people losing health insurance which they were satisfied with - and past polls have shown that more than 80 percent of insured fell into this category - would make it unlikely that Americans would trust government to fix the problem that it created.

Like so many government plans, witness the frequent failures of 5 year plans of communist governments leading to massive starvation or insolvency, they don’t take human nature and individual preferences into account.

Ref: What to Do When ObamaCare Unravels, Health insurance should be individual, portable across jobs, states and providers, and lifelong and renewable. By John H. Cochrane, Wall St Journal, December 25, 2013, http://online.wsj.com/news/articles/SB10001424052702304866904579265932490593594?mod=djemEditorialPage_h

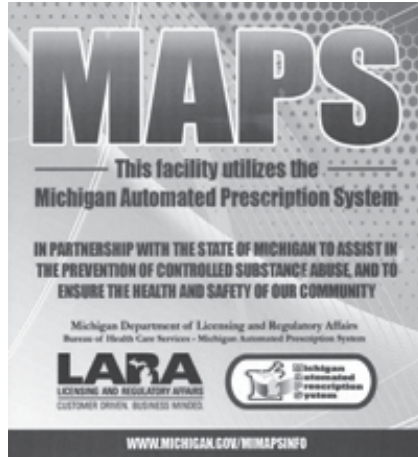


HANG MAPS POSTER TO DETER ‘DOCTOR SHOPPERS’

The Michigan Automated Prescription System (MAPS) has produced a small poster for physicians to hang in their practices to act as a deterrent to drug-seeking patients, also known as “doctor shoppers.”

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MEDICAID HEALTH PLANS RECEIVING PRIMARY CARE PAYMENT INCREASES

Medicaid health plans received their initial payment for the primary care increase. There’s currently no timeline by which the health plans will release this money to the physicians. However, it will be retroactive to January 1, 2013. There might be a few health plans sending the payments through the PO/PHO. But 100% of the money is to be paid to the physician, so the PO/PHO will not be keeping any portion of that money.

If you have questions about the payment timeline or whether the money will be paid through a PO/PHO, please contact the health plan directly.

For more information, contact MSMS Reimbursement Advocate Stacie Saylor, CPC, CPB, at 517-336-5722 or ssaylor@msms.org.

MEDICAID EXPANSION GETS OK FROM FED GOVT

The US Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services approved Michigan’s Medicaid eligibility expansion plan (a.k.a., the

Healthy Michigan Plan). The approval means the state can now enroll into Medicaid people with incomes of up to 133% of the federal poverty level on April 1.

According to the Michigan Department of Community Health, all aspects of the state proposal—provisions for health savings accounts, monitoring of premiums, etc.—were approved by the federal government. MDCH estimates that about 322,000 uninsured Michiganders will enroll in 2014.

MSMS is working with the Snyder administration to ensure that the Healthy Michigan Plan works for patients and for physicians.

BCBSM LISTENS TO MSMS - EXTENDS SE MICHIGAN EPO NETWORK DEADLINE

MSMS has succeeded in advocating for additional time for physicians to review the contract provided by BCBSM for a Southeast Michigan Local Exclusive Provider Organization (EPO) Network. MSMS received word that Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan (BCBSM) will extend the physician contracting period for the EPO through January 31, 2014. BCBSM also provided answers to MSMS’s questions seeking clarification about the contractual addendum (Addendum A - Local Network Provider Agreement).

This extension provides additional time and opportunities for physicians’ questions to be addressed. BCBSM intends to perform additional outreach to physicians through their Physician Organizations and individually over the next several weeks. Additionally, BCBSM is planning to host an informational call for the Southeast Michigan physician community on January 14, 2014, in order to enable a number of the frequently asked questions to be broadly answered. Watch for future communications from MSMS and BCBSM for scheduling and logistical details.

In addition to BCBSM’s response to MSMS’s questions, physicians may want to visit www.msms.org to review a summary review and points of consideration document related to the EPO contract prepared by MSMS Legal Counsel, as well as a one-page summary from BCBSM.

As with any contract, it is important that you read and fully understand the contract before making a decision. Physicians and/or their medical practices are reminded to make their own unilateral, independent decisions to participate, or not participate, in BCBSM’s EPO Network and to seek the advice of their own legal counsel. Questions may be directed to Stacey Hettiger at 517-336-5766 or shettiger@msms.org.



EHR SAFE HARBOR EXTENDED TO 2021

The federal government recently announced it will push the anti-kickback safe harbor that allows hospitals to provide physician practices with electronic health-record systems and training to operate them to 2021. Originally, the rule was set to expire December 31, 2013, but was changed under new rules from the HHS inspector general office and the US Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS).

The extension is five years longer than HHS proposed in April. The final rules also specifically exclude laboratory companies from the “scope of protected donors,” update provisions on interoperability, remove electronic-prescribing requirements and make clear that EHR donors cannot put limits on the use, compatibility and interoperability of their donated items or services.

MEDICARE RULES FOR REPORTING DIAGNOSIS CODES

Providers often ask, what diagnoses do we report on a claim - everything the patient has or has had - or just the reason for the encounter?

Report the code that is chiefly responsible for the patient encounter. When other chronic or documented conditions coexist at the time of treatment and affect patient care, include these diagnoses codes too. Do not code suspected diagnoses and always assign codes to the highest level of specificity.

To learn more about rules for reporting diagnosis codes on the claim, refer to CMS Internet-Only Manual (IOM), Publication 100-04.

MSMS STUDENT CHAIR SUPPORTS LOAN REPAYMENT BILLS

In December, the Chair of the MSMS Medical Student Section submitted a memo read during a hearing of the Michigan Senate Appropriations Committee in support of Senate Bill 648, sponsored by Sen. John Moolenaar (R-Midland), and SB 649, sponsored by Sen. Jim Marleau (R-Lake Orion), which would give aspiring family physicians more flexibility in paying back school loans received through the Michigan Essential Health Provider program. The bills also would increase the maximum amount a physician could put toward a loan at \$40,000, removing the four-year limit on loan repayments and including dentists in the loan repayment program.

Nicolas K. Fletcher, Michigan State University College of Human Medicine, noted that currently, only one in five medical students comes from one of these underserved areas. “Undergraduate students from these areas cite the increasing cost of attendance as a major obstacle in choosing to pursue a career in medicine,” he wrote.

Fletcher also pointed out a hard reality in the memo. “Growing debt burden is pushing medical graduates away from high-need, low-pay primary care specialties in underserved areas,” he wrote. “Solutions like Senate Bill 648 provide direct incentive for medical students to pursue the field of primary care medicine, particularly in areas that are underserved.”

Physicians representing the Michigan Academy of Family Physicians testified at the hearing. No vote was taken on the bills.

THINK HIPAA VIOLATIONS AREN'T REAL? THINK AGAIN...

A dermatology practice in Massachusetts recently learned this lesson the hard way. Adult & Pediatric Dermatology, P.C., has agreed to settle potential violations of the HIPAA Privacy, Security & Breach Notification Rules with the Department of Health & Human Services, agreeing to a \$150,000 payment. The practice will also be required to implement a corrective action plan to correct deficiencies in its HIPAA compliance program. This case marks the first settlement with a covered entity for not having policies and procedures in place to address the breach notification provisions of the 2009 HITECH Act.

If cases like this show anything, they point out that physicians, now more than ever, need to be aware of revisions to the HIPAA privacy, security, enforcement, and breach notification rules that took effect in 2013. Get started with these MSMS resources: members-only guidance document; newly-updated MSMS HIPAA Guide; free legal consultations for general questions; and DocBookMD, a HIPAA-compliant, physician-designed mobile application.

For more information about HIPAA resources from MSMS, contact Stacey Hettiger at 517-336-5766 or shettiger@msms.org.

2013 MCMS Holiday Sharing Card Project a Great Success

Thank you to MCMS Members Who Donated \$5,655

We would like to thank the MCMS members who participated in the 2013 MCMS Foundation Holiday Sharing Card Project. Due to your generosity we were able to raise \$2,870 For the Macomb County Food Program and \$2,785 For Turning Point Shelter.

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MACOMB COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETY STANDING COMMITTEES:

BYLAWS – meets as needed to consider amendments to the MCMS Bylaws.

ETHICS & MEDIATION – meets as needed concerning the maintenance of standards of conduct and discipline of members as well as to review patient complaints.

LEGISLATIVE & SOCIAL ECONOMICS – meets quarterly with local and state legislators on Fridays at 7:30 am at the Loon River Café in Sterling Heights.

MEMBERSHIP – meets as needed to promote recruitment of non-members and to ensure retention of current members.

PROGRAM – meets as needed to plan and organize the regular meetings, special events, and fund raisers for the Society and the Foundation.

PUBLIC RELATIONS – meets as needed with community organizers and businesses to accurately convey medicine's message to the public sector.

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Have you or a MCMS colleague been elected to a position (specialty society, hospital, community based program, etc.) or honored for your volunteer service within the community or abroad? Let us know. We would like to recognize MCMS members in the 'Member News' section of the *Medicus*.

Contact Heidi Leach at mcms@msms.org or macombcms@gmail.com with newsworthy information.

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DEDICATION CEREMONY HELD FOR NEWLY EXPANDED MACOMB CENTER ER

A dedication ceremony was held on Oct. 15 to celebrate the newly expanded ambulatory area of the St. John Maccomb-Oakland Hospital (SJMOH), Macomb Center ER. The new ambulatory area includes 11 additional treatment spaces and will enable the medical staff to triage and treat an additional 40 patients each day. "Since Henry Ford Bi-County Hospital closed in 2012, the ER volume at Macomb Center has increased 33 percent," explained Terry Hamilton, SJMOH president. "The expanded ambulatory area will help us better serve the community by providing greater efficiency and patient privacy while streamlining and expediting patient care." The project was primarily funded through a generous \$1 million donation from a Warren resident and is one of the largest single donations the hospital has ever received. The St. John Maccomb-Oakland Hospital Auxiliary also contributed to the expanded ER.



Antonio Bonfiglio, MD, medical director of the St. John Maccomb-Oakland Hospital Emergency department, takes a few colleagues and community members on a tour of the new ambulatory area of the Macomb Center ER.

SJMOH UROLOGIST RECOGNIZED BY AMERICAN OSTEOPATHIC ASSOCIATION

The American Osteopathic Association inducted St. John Maccomb-Oakland Hospital (SJMOH) urologist Ronald W. Wadle, DO, into the 2013 class of Great Pioneers in Osteopathic Medicine. The Great Pioneers consist of osteopathic physicians and other members of the osteopathic medical profession who have made significant contributions to osteopathic medicine. They are nominated by their peers and must have been involved in the osteopathic medical profession for at least 25 years, and helped to advance the profession to what it is today. Dr. Wadle was the past president of the American College of Osteopathic Surgeons, as well as the recipient of the distinguished osteopathic surgeon award.

THREE ST. JOHN PROVIDENCE HOSPITALS EARN AN "A" FOR SAFETY

Congratulations to Providence Hospital, St. John Maccomb-Oakland Hospital, Macomb and Oakland Centers, and St. John River District Hospital for each earning an "A" on the fall 2013 update to The Leapfrog Group's Hospital Safety Score report. The Leapfrog Group is an independent, national not-for-profit organization founded more than a decade ago by the nation's leading employers and private healthcare experts. Its mission is to promote safety, quality and affordability of healthcare in the U.S. by promoting transparency and value-based hospital incentives. The Hospital Safety Score assigned a letter grade of an A, B, C, D or F to more than 2,500 U.S. general hospitals based on safety in preventing errors, infections, injuries and medication mix-ups. A leading panel of patient safety experts selected and analyzed 28 measures of publicly available hospital safety data.

SJMOH PROUDLY DISPLAYS GROWING RIBBON OF HOPE

The Radiology Dept. at St. John Maccomb Oakland Hospital, Macomb Center was home to a very special display during October - the Ribbon of Hope, a growing tribute to those who have battled breast cancer. The Ribbon and the foundation to support women fighting breast cancer was started in 2006 by Katherine Boyd, MD. The Ribbon of Hope is a series of fabric panels (pink for survivors and purple for those who have lost their battle) that have been individually decorated and then sewn together. In past years the ribbon would accompany Dr. Boyd's team at the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure in



Detroit, but because of its growing length (more than 400 feet) and fear of its getting damaged, it stays at Macomb Center for the month. The Ribbon of Hope Foundation continually accepts panel submissions. To learn more, go to www.kathboyd.com.



The Ribbon of Hope winds through the waiting room of the Radiology Dept. at SJMOH Macomb Center. "There are more than 1000 names on the Ribbon," said Dr. Boyd. "It's very emotional to look at, because I have treated and know many of these women."

ECARE GOES LIVE AT RIVER DISTRICT HOSPITAL

On Nov. 1, St. John River District Hospital launched eCare, the electronic medical record system and a new electronic patient registration system. While River District may be the final SJP hospital to launch eCare, it's the first hospital in the health system to simultaneously go live with new registration and electronic medical record systems. The successful launch of both of these electronic systems was the culmination of months of preparation and work by hospital staff, business support and IT.

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH STUDENTS GET FIRST-HAND LOOK AT EMERGENCY MEDICINE

Thanks to Dr. Margarita Pena, one of St. John Hospital's Emergency Medicine physicians and several of the hospital's ER residents, students from Grosse Pointe South had a chance to try their hands at ultrasound on one of our pregnant associates, suturing (pigs' feet), and intubating a mannequin. They also had time in our Simulation Lab, which is an amazing area of the hospital that can simulate actual medical cases and give feedback to students as they react to cases. Thanks to those that helped, including:

- Attending staff: Drs. Hafez Bazzi, Belinda Kakos, and Jerrold Fisher.
- Residents: Drs. Patrick Frank, Nate Minnick, Matthew Nipe, Daniel Lalonde, Sameer Sinha, Riley Jakob, Rosie Voelker, and Nelson Grant.

CONCUSSION CLINIC OPENS IN MACOMB TOWNSHIP

Each year, more than 300,000 concussions are reported - a fraction of the amount that actually occur. Recent legislation has placed a significant focus on concussions and the importance of ensuring that student athletes are recovered before returning to play. That's why St. John Providence Children's Hospital has opened a Concussion Clinic on the campus of St. John Medical Center - Macomb Township. The clinic sees patients on Mondays who have suffered concussions, mostly from sports but from other injuries as well. It is run by Dr. Michael McMillan, a psychologist, and Section Chief of the Behavioral Disorders Department at St. John Hospital & Medical Center.

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A HELICOPTER LANDING BRINGS EXCITEMENT TO ANY DAY

In early November, St. John Medical Center - Macomb Township partnered with Survival Flight, Medstar and the Macomb Township Fire Department to complete helicopter landing training. The SJMC - Macomb Township Emergency Department occasionally has emergency patients that require flight, so it was a great opportunity for the team to review its protocols. While updating the protocols, they contacted the Fire Chief to update his protocols too! Since the Fire Department has many new members, he asked if there was a way the team could help with helicopter landing training. U of M was happy to accommodate and bring the helicopter. Jozette Hughes, Clinical Manager, and the Fire Chief coordinated three days of training.

ST. JOHN PROVIDENCE HEALTH SYSTEM CHRISTMAS STORES MAKE CHRISTMAS BRIGHTER FOR HUNDREDS OF FAMILIES IN NEED

On Dec. 7, St. John Providence Hospital, St. John Hospital and Medical Center and St. John Macomb-Oakland Hospital were transformed into every child's fantasy. With thousands of toys, books, games and clothes stacked high, this year's annual Christmas Stores provided gifts and fun for nearly 1,500 deserving kids and hundreds of Metro Detroit families. A tradition for more than 30 years and an extension of our

mission, SJPHS invited families, who received care at one of our health care centers, and members of our faith community partners to participate. Each family shopped for an outfit and toy for each child, and received a gift card and a bag filled with stocking stuffers. Nearly 200 associates volunteered on the day of the event to help attendees shop, and entertain their children. The Medical Staff also generously contributes to help with the expenses of the effort.

ST. JOHN HOSPITAL'S DONATE LIFE MESSAGE TRAVELS TO THE ROSE BOWL

St. John Hospital President Dave Brooks signed a rose vial with a message of support for organ and tissue donation. The vial was placed on the "Donate Life" float in this year's Rose Bowl parade. The float design is a dedication garden that will be filled with thousands of roses - each with a vial that contains a personal message from hospital CEOs, patients who have received a transplant and organizations who support donation. Do you have a heart on your driver's license? If not, go to www.giftoflifemichigan.org and join the Michigan Organ Donor Registry. Learn more about transplants at www.stjohprovidence.org/transplant





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CAREGIVER CAFÉ PROVIDES INFORMATION, SUPPORT

Caring for a friend or loved one with a serious illness is often rewarding, but also can be difficult with new questions cropping up at every turn. It also can take an emotional toll.

To assist those in this important role, Henry Ford Macomb Hospitals has introduced the free Caregiver Café. It provides caregivers learning opportunities with Henry Ford Macomb experts and a chance to connect with others in similar situations - all in a relaxed, informal setting. Monthly get-togethers feature information on a specific topic followed by time to share stories or just talk over a cup of coffee or tea.

The meetings take place at Henry Ford Macomb Hospital and will be offered at two different times to accommodate varying schedules. The first session is Nov. 19 and will cover two topics. The schedule includes:

* Nov. 19 from 1 to 3 p.m. or 6 to 8 p.m. - Basic Caregiving and Medication Awareness. Participants are encouraged to bring medications and questions for the pharmacist.

The following dates and topics are offered from 1 to 2 p.m. or 6 to 7 p.m.

- Dec. 17 - Holiday celebrations/emotional, spiritual support
- Jan. 21 - Nutrition
- Feb. 25 - Help with hands-on care and home safety
- March 25 - Understanding and managing behavioral changes

“Caregivers are absolutely key in providing patients with chronic illness the best quality of life possible,” notes Henry Ford Macomb internal medicine specialist John Bochenek, DO. “I encourage both patients and those helping to care for them to have as much knowledge and support as possible. Resources

like the Caregiver Café make connecting them with those resources easier.”

The Caregiver Café is free, but registration is required. Call (800) 532-2411.

PROGRAM TEACHING HEALTHY HABITS FOR KIDS WILL KICK OFF IN NEW YEAR

Parents who want some help when it comes to instilling healthy habits in their children - or those who simply want the message reinforced - are encouraged to check out Let's Get Healthy.

The 10-week program is sponsored by Henry Ford Health System. It teaches children ages 9 to 13 how to take simple steps toward understanding the importance of diet and exercise. The activities are fun and engaging while exploring topics including:

- Exercise
- Goal setting
- Mindful eating
- My plate
- Peer influence
- Portion control
- Staying motivated

Various aspects of the program are taught by a pediatrician or family medicine physician, registered dietician, behavioral therapist and athletic trainer in a fun and motivating setting.

Classes will take place on Tuesdays, beginning Jan. 14 from 6 to 8 p.m. at Community Baptist Church in St. Clair Shores. The cost is \$150, but scholarships and payment plans are available.

For more information or to register, call (800) 532-2411 or go to www.HenryFordLivewell.com/letsgethealthy.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

FEBRUARY 27-28 MSMS ICD-10 Boot Camp, Somerset Inn in Troy. To register call 517-336-7581 or visit www.msms.org/eo.

MARCH 15 MCMS Family Fun Bowling Event, Sunnybrook Lanes in Sterling Hts., 2-4 pm. To register email the MCMS Office at mcms@msms.org or call 810-387-0364.

MARCH 26 MSMS Physician Sustainability & Payment Reform Part II, Somerset Inn in Troy. To register call 517-336-7581 or visit www.msms.org/eo.

APRIL 25 MSMS Physician Executive Development Program, The Henry in Dearborn, 9 am - 3 pm. To register call 517-336-7581 or visit www.msms.org/eo.

MAY 14-15 Annual Spring Scientific Meeting, The Henry in Dearborn. To register call 517-336-7581 or visit www.msms.org/eo.

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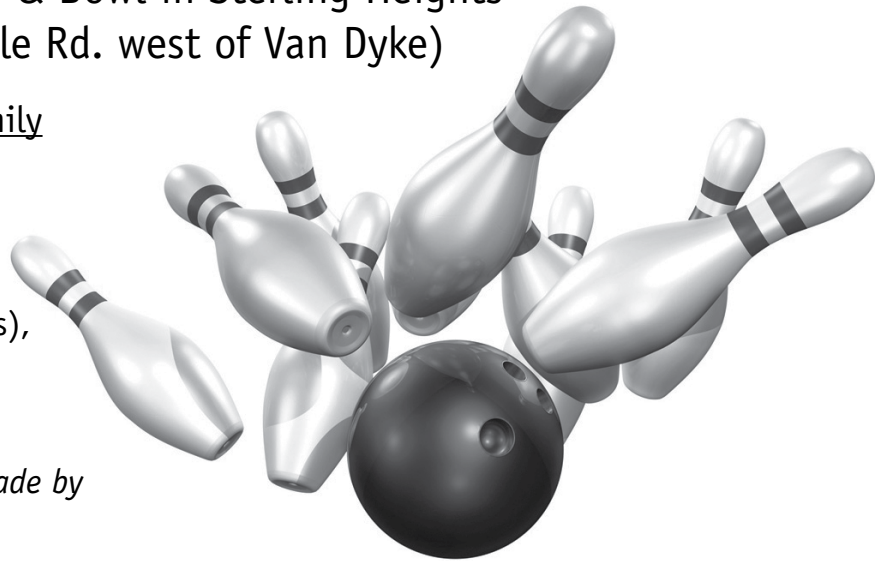
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Providers are encouraged to respond to all specialties that apply to their practice. Scenarios are available for the following specialties:

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Survey respondents will receive a summary report, which compares the respondent's code choice(s) with others who took the survey, within 1-2 business days. MDCH will not provide "correct" answers. The summary report will be sent to the e-mail address provided at the beginning of the survey.

Both the survey link and instructions have been posted at www.michigan.gov/5010ICD10/ >> ICD-10 Information >> Testing.

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Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact our ICD-10 testing support team at MDCH-B2B-Testing@Michigan.gov.

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THE MACOMB COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETY HELD ITS ANNUAL MEETING ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18 AT THE STERLING INN. Our guest speaker was President of the Michigan State Medical Society, Kenneth Elmassian, DO, a practicing anesthesiologist at McLaren Greater Lansing, where he serves as Director of Cardiovascular and Thoracic Anesthesiology, and Vice-Chairman, Department of Anesthesiology. During his presidential year, and as he has done throughout his career, Dr. Elmassian focuses on the importance of empowering patients and physicians, as well as strengthening the physician-patient relationship to ensure patients always come first in health care. Dr. Elmassian updated the members on the recent activities of the Michigan State Medical Society and led the group in a lively discussion of the ACA.





	2013	2012	2011
AIDS.....	35	44	14
AMEBIASIS.....	1	0	0
BLASTOMYCOSIS.....	0	0	0
BOTULISM (FOODBORNE).....	0	0	0
BOTULISM (INFECTIOUS).....	0	0	0
BRUCELLOSIS.....	0	0	0
CAMPYLOBACTER.....	68**	118**	141**
CHICKENPOX.....	40**	46**	56**
CHLAMYDIA.....	2,463	2,393	1,957
COCCIDIOIDOMYCOSIS.....	2	2	3
CREUTZFELDT JAKOB.....	0	0	2
CRYPTOCOCCOSIS.....	1	6	2
CRYPTOSPORIDIOSIS.....	7	2	5
DENGUE FEVER.....	0	1	0
DIPHTHERIA.....	0	0	0
EHRlichIOSIS.....	0	0	1
ENCEPHALITIS PRIMARY.....	0	8	3
ENC POST OTHER.....	2	3	3
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FLU-LIKE DISEASE.....	42,984	36,172	45,682
GIARDIASIS.....	17	24	20
GONORRHEA.....	557	530	501
GRANULOMA INGUINALE.....	0	0	0
GUILLAIN-BARRE SYNDROME.....	7**	5**	5**
HEMOLYTIC UREMIC SYN.....	0	0	1
HEPATITIS A.....	7	1	4
HEPATITIS B (ACUTE).....	7	4	14
HEPATITIS B (CHRONIC).....	139**	152**	121**
HEPATITIS C (ACUTE).....	7	6	4
HEPATITIS C (CHRONIC).....	502**	598**	603**
HEPATITIS D.....	0	1	0
HEPATITIS E.....	0	3	0
H. FLU INVASIVE DISEASE.....	10	8	12
HISTOPLASMOSIS.....	2**	7**	5**
INFLUENZA, NOVEL.....	0	0	0
KAWASAKI SYNDROME.....	8	6	4

	2013	2012	2011
LEGIONNAIRE'S DISEASE.....	31	15	29
LISTERIOSIS.....	1	1	2
LYME DISEASE.....	0	0	2
MALARIA.....	0	4	3
MEASLES.....	0	0	0
MENINGITIS VIRAL.....	73**	75**	75**
MENINGITIS BACTERIAL/BACTEREMIA (EXCLUDING N. MENINGITIDIS).....	4	6	8
MENINGOCOCCAL DISEASE.....	0	0	0
MUMPS.....	0	0	0
PERTUSSIS.....	92**	30**	60**
POLIO.....	0	0	0
PSITTACOSIS.....	0	0	0
Q FEVER.....	1	0	0
RABIES ANIMAL.....	2	2	1
RABIES HUMAN.....	0	0	0
REYE SYNDROME.....	0	0	0
ROCKY MNTN SPOTTED FVR.....	0	0	0
RUBELLA.....	0	0	0
SALMONELLOSIS.....	75**	95	73
SHIGELLOSIS.....	4	10	7
STEC***.....	9	6	3
STREP INVASIVE DISEASE.....	17	9	15
STREP PNEUMO INV DS.....	56	41	49
SYPHILIS.....	59	55	55
SYPHILIS CONGENITAL.....	1	3	0
TETANUS.....	0	0	1
TOXIC SHOCK SYNDROME.....	2	0	0
TUBERCULOSIS.....	10	9	5
TULAREMIA.....	0	0	0
TYPHOID FEVER.....	0	0	0
VIBRIOSIS.....	0	0	0
VISA.....	2	0	0
WEST NILE VIRUS.....	3**	28**	9**
YERSINIA ENTERITIS.....	0	0	2

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