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THE MEDICAL HOME: TOOLS FOR PRACTICE RE-DESIGN AND MANAGEMENT -- COME WITH YOUR STAFF

The patient-centered medical home, or PCMH, continues to pick up key support on the state and national levels, becoming an integral part of many public and private health care plans. Learn if and how your practice can be transformed into a PCMH. Family physicians, office managers, nurse managers other clinical and administrative staff are invited to register for:

MAFP's 2009 Winter CME Conference

The Medical Home: Tools For Practice Re-Design And Management

Saturday, February 21, 2009

Loews Annapolis Hotel

7.25 CME credits (application in process)

We ask that you attend with your team because effective practice re-design requires participation of all team members, including clinical and non-clinical staff. Topics are pertinent to all members of the staff!. Please complete and return the registration form in the program brochure (one for each registrant) at [www.mdafp.org](http://www.mdafp.org) where online registration is also available. You may also contact MAFP at 410-747-1980 or [info@mdafp.org](mailto:info@mdafp.org)

CALL FOR EDITOR (S) FOR "THE MARYLAND FAMILY DOCTOR"

The MAFP Editorial Board seeks members who like to write and would enjoy compiling and editing editions of the organization's official publication "The Maryland Family Doctor" (MFD). The MFD is an award-winning, quarterly journal, each edition of which focuses on a different theme ranging from clinical to practice management to legislative areas of focus. As a member of the editorial board you would suggest focus themes and claim at least one edition in each 2-year cycle of production. Duties would include:

- Acquire 2-3-4 feature articles on the focus theme

- Write an editorial
- Draft test questions for CME journal quiz (approximately 5 per CME article), may defer to authors.
- Make suggestions for the cover graphic
- Work with editor-in-chief and managing editor on review and proofreading of all text at copy editing and proof stages.

The next meeting of the MAFP editorial board will occur in Spring, 2009. Please contact the MAFP office with your expression of interest or with your questions (info@mdafp.org or 410-747-1980).

#### THE MARYLAND CANCER FUND - DHMH PUBLIC HEALTH GRANT FUNDING ANNOUNCEMENT

Grant applications are now being accepted for both Cancer Primary Prevention Grants and Cancer Early Detection/Secondary Prevention Grants. Grant applications are available on line at: <http://www.fha.state.md.us/cancer/cancerfund/> Application deadline is January 26, 2009 by 3:00 pm. Late proposals will not be accepted.

The Maryland Cancer Fund was established to enhance cancer programs in the State of Maryland. Individuals may donate to the fund by checking off the box on their individual Maryland State Tax Return Form 502 or Form 503. For more information, please visit the website listed above or contact Ms. Angel Davis, MBA, MS, RN; Coordinator, Maryland Cancer Fund; Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, Center for Cancer Surveillance and Control; 201 West Preston Street; Baltimore, MD 21201; adavis@dnhm.state.md.us or 410-767-3117.

#### RETROACTIVE DENIAL OF CLAIMS - UPDATE

Bulletin 8-30 was issued by the Maryland Insurance Administration (MIA) on October 27, 2008. The Bulletin serves to clarify the intended application of Insurance Code § 15-1008 regarding retroactive denial of claims. In part, the Bulletin specifically states and requires that a carrier, which retroactively denies reimbursement for services subject to the coordination of benefits with another carrier, must give the provider a written statement that provides the name and address of the entity acknowledging responsibility for payment of the denied claim. Please note that this state requirement does not affect employer self-insured insurance (so called "ERISA") plans. For additional information contained in this recent Bulletin release, and to read the full Bulletin as issued, please view [attachment](#).

#### SEND A MESSAGE TO MARYLAND LEGISLATORS ON THE PHYSICIAN SHORTAGE

The Governor's Task Force on Health Care Access and Reimbursement is in its final months. If the growing crisis in physician availability is to be remedied the Task Force must come up with positive and substantive recommendations in time for the legislative session. The Maryland Hospital Association has created the following web link as a means of communicating to top legislative leaders the need for the Task Force to take

action that will resolve the growing and critical shortage of physicians in Maryland. [capwiz.com/mdhospitals/state/main/?state=MD](http://capwiz.com/mdhospitals/state/main/?state=MD) Please follow the link to send a message to top legislators that action must be taken soon.

#### CORE CONTENT REVIEW SEEKING NEW AUTHORS

The Core Content Review of Family Medicine is a home, self-study continuing medical education program with 5,000 subscribers that has been produced by the Connecticut and Ohio Academies of Family Physicians for the last 40 years. It is evidence-based and throughout its history has been free of any pharmaceutical industry support.

We are seeking authors to join our National Faculty. Submitted material should be in the form of a question followed by a discussion of approximately 300 words. Up to date references must also be included. Authors who submit material acceptable for publication will be listed on the Contributing Author Page of the edition in which their material appears. Core Content Review is peer-reviewed and authors may include it under publications in their curriculum vitae. Writing for Core Content Review is considered a scholarly activity and as such has been used by authors to fulfill requirements for promotion and advancement. An honorarium is provided for material accepted for publication. We invite potential authors to visit our website at [www.corecontent.com](http://www.corecontent.com) and select "Authors" to learn more about becoming an author and to view our Author's Guide. If you are interested in becoming an author, or if you have questions, please contact our assistant executive director, Mary Yokose at [myokose@ssmgt.com](mailto:myokose@ssmgt.com).

#### SEEKING COVERAGE

Coverage needed for small solo family practice; three 1/2 days per week plus prescription refills, etc. All ages plus GYN. Practice owner on maternity leave. Approximatley January 12, 2009 to late February. Malpractice provided. Contact: Susan Henley, M.D., 410-433-8801