NEWS FROM THE GA ACP

Save the Date!

Georgia Chapter of The American College of Physicians
With The Patient Centered Physician Coalition

ADVOCACY DAY AT THE GEORGIA CAPITOL
Thursday, February 15th, 2018

Plan to attend to let your voice be heard by your Georgia Legislators on behalf of your patients & your practice!

NO CHARGE FOR CA ACP MEMBERS TO ATTEND- REGISTRATION REQUIRED

QUESTIONS? Contact Jessica Carson @ jcarson@gaacp.org
To combat the opioid epidemic, we must be honest about all its causes

Harvard Business Review

The opioid epidemic is a source of deep national anguish in the United States: It now kills almost 100 Americans each day, more than motor vehicle accidents. President Donald Trump officially declared the epidemic a national public health emergency. Although he hasn’t allocated any additional federal funding to address the crisis, the announcement could accelerate efforts at the federal, state, and local levels to identify and implement ways to combat it. As his administration strives to galvanize efforts, it would benefit from drawing on the growing body of research that examines the medical and economic origins and effects of the crisis. READ MORE

Physician Fee Schedule Final Policy, Payment, and Quality Provisions for CY 2018

Medicare Learning Network

On Nov. 2, CMS issued a final rule that includes updates to payment policies, payment rates, and quality provisions for services furnished under the Medicare Physician Fee Schedule on or after Jan. 1, 2018. The overall update to payments under the PFS based on the finalized CY 2018 rates will be 0.41 percent. This update reflects the 0.50 percent update established under the Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act of 2015, reduced by 0.09 percent, due to the misvalued code target recapture amount, required under the Achieving a Better Life Experience Act of 2014. READ MORE
Envision Physician Services is hiring for Hospitalist at Memorial Satilla Health in Waycross, GA. Come join our team of exceptional hospitalists today!

AHIP to support MACRA, APMs and clinician virtual groups as qualifying for MIPS payments

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

CMS is holding a webinar on virtual groups - register today!

America’s Health Insurance Plans said it supports MACRA alternative payment models and quality payment program initiatives, including the ability for clinicians to form virtual groups to qualify for the merit-based incentive payment system. Solo practitioners and small group practices of 10 or fewer clinicians may join virtual groups that will be scored on a combined performance for quality and cost. Clinicians are on a Dec. 1 deadline to form virtual groups for the 2018 reporting period. READ MORE

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