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 GA ACP MEMBERS TO ATTEND - REGISTRATION REQUIRED

QUESTIONS? Contact Jessica Carson @ jecarson@gaacp.org

Check out our pictures from the 2018 Georgia Chapter Meeting in Savannah!

PRODUCT SHOWCASE
Hiring for Hospitalists

Envision Physician Services is hiring for Hospitalist at Memorial Satilla Health in Waycross, GA. Come join our team of exceptional hospitalists today!

Help your patients enroll in insurance
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Getting Georgia Covered: What We Can Learn from Consumer and Assister Experiences During the Fourth Open Enrollment Period

With four open enrollment periods completed and a fifth one beginning in the coming weeks, the Health Insurance Marketplace has become established as the avenue for purchasing coverage for thousands of Georgians who do not have access to have insurance at work. The fourth open enrollment period differed from the first three in several important ways, and understanding these variations will be important in ensuring that the Marketplace continues to serve consumers who seek access to affordable comprehensive health insurance. READ MORE

Biosimilars have potential to cut health spending by $54 billion over next decade

Introducing biosimilar versions of complex biologic drugs, which are used to treat illnesses such as cancer and rheumatoid arthritis, could cut healthcare spending in the U.S. by $54 billion over the next decade, according to new analysis from RAND Corp. The savings estimate is about 20 percent larger than a similar analysis done by RAND researchers three years ago, representing both improved analysis methods and rapid...
growth in spending for biologics overall. Biologics are the fastest-growing segment of prescription drug spending.  

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**INDUSTRY NEWS**

**CMS announces new 'Meaningful Measures' initiative**

*Health Data Management*

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services on Monday announced a new initiative intended to streamline quality measures, reduce regulatory burden and promote innovation in the healthcare industry as it transitions from fee-for-service to value-based payment. The effort, called the Meaningful Measures initiative, is being described as a "new approach to quality measurement." CMS Administrator Seema Verma made the announcement during a plenary session at the Health Care Payment Learning and Action Network Fall Summit in Arlington, Virginia.

**The next precision medicine breakthrough is about apps, not EHRs**

*Healthcare IT News*

Whatever may become the killer app for precision medicine might not be apparent just yet, but one thing is clear: The future of more personalized patient care is not in an EHR. Anyone remotely involved with health IT knows about the meaningful use usability conundrum. EHR vendors engineered their products to meet the federal government’s criteria at the expense of innovating slick software that delights users and, as a result, the products have left so many clinicians frustrated.