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So much drama in each day. And I leave the stories unwritten. So much wonderful writing out there. And I leave them unread. I barely have time to finish 25 little stories in the charts of the patients I have seen that day before exhaustion overtakes me.

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What a delight to receive "The Country Doctor Revisited" in my pile of journals and medical reports. Edited by Therese Zink, a rural family practitioner in Minnesota, the book contains some of the best writing about medical practice I have encountered. I feel like Dr. Zink has been harvesting these gems for overworked people, who, like me, love words and are fascinated by the lives of doctors and their patients. I laughed out loud waiting for the dentist while I read about the housecall circumcision that required some quick improvisation. Richard Berlin's poems of nature and solitude paint powerful pictures.

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Downstate Regional Family Medicine Conference

PHYSICIAN'S CORNER - SHOENFELD

April 9, 2011 at Beth Israel- Phillips Ambulatory Care Center
10 Union Square East, Manhattan, NY

ACCOUNTABLE CARE ORGANIZATIONS

The Downstate RFMC Conference features two tracks: a technology and meaningful use-for-practice-improvement track and the other dedicated to maintenance of certification.

WINTER WEEKEND WRAPUP

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Registration is limited. Register early - see link below:

NON-NYSAFP EVENTS

Student and Resident scholarships available for **Suffolk County** residents. Please

[PROFESSIONAL OPPORTUNITIES](#) contact Kelly Madden: kelly@nysafp.org.

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Students and Residents from other counties, please contact your local AAFP county chapter to encourage additional scholarships.

[Click here for more information and to register.](#)

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MEMBERSHIP SNAPSHOT

TOTAL - 4474
ACTIVE - 2426
INACTIVE - 80
LIFE - 247
RESIDENTS - 586
STUDENTS - 1119
SUPPORTING - 12
SUPPORT NONFP - 4

Reaction to Cuomo's Medicaid Plan

From: *Long Island Populist Examiner*
By: Karen Rubin
Posted: January 7, 2011

NYS health care providers react to Gov. Cuomo's plan to cut Medicaid spending.

New York Governor Andrew Cuomo's declaration he would take on crippling Medicaid spending prompted a guarded response from the state's leading health care organizations, which essentially agreed that a redesign of the system is warranted but warned that a focus on long-term strategies were necessary.

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HIGLAS Transition for Jurisdiction 13 Part B Connecticut and New York Providers

Effective February 11, 2011, National Government Services will be transitioning our Part B financial accounting system from the Multi-Carrier System (MCS) to the Healthcare Integrated General Ledger Accounting System (HIGLAS). This transition involves only their financial accounting system. **We will continue to use MCS for all of our claims processing activities.**

Implementation of HIGLAS will enable the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) to track Medicare payments and to accurately pay claims for over 40 million Medicare beneficiaries. The transition will also provide CMS with enhanced oversight of contractors' accounting systems, as well as access to more accurate, timely, and consistent data for decision-making and for performance evaluations.

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Curious about family medicine? Interested in sports medicine? International health? Rural medicine? Want to practice obstetrics but not sure about gynecologic surgeries? Concerned about the finances of becoming a primary care provider?

Speak with a family medicine physician about these questions and more! NYSAFP has

developed a database of family medicine physicians across New York. Search for physicians who live near you. Explore topics that interest you and find many family doctors who already work in these areas. Physicians have volunteered their information and are happy to answer your questions about family medicine. (Many also offer shadowing opportunities.)

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AAFP Member Census

AAFP has developed a new tool to help better understand the practice environments of our shared members. The AAFP Member Census will replace the Member Profile survey formerly stored in TASS. On September 17, the AAFP mailed hard copies to members as part of an ongoing campaign to complete and return the census.

Please [click here](#) to complete the census or see more information at www.aafp.org/membersensus

FOR AN UPDATE ON THE PROGRESS OF HEALTH CARE REFORM AND HOW IT WILL AFFECT YOU AND YOUR PRACTICE, CLICK ON [AAFP](#)

2011 Electronic Prescribing (eRx) Incentive Program Reminder-Avoiding the Adjustment

In November, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services announced that, beginning in calendar year 2012, eligible professionals who are not successful electronic prescribers based on claims submitted between January 1, 2011 – June 30, 2011, may be subject to a payment adjustment on their Medicare Part B Physician Fee Schedule (PFS) covered professional services. Section 132 of the Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act of 2008 (MIPPA) authorizes CMS to apply this payment adjustment whether or not the eligible professional is planning to participate in the eRx Incentive Program.

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OTC Reimbursement: New Rules

FSA's, HSA's and Over-the-Counter Reimbursement: New Rules and New Requirements

Michael J. Schoppmann, Esq.
Kern Augustine Conroy & Schoppmann, P.C.

As part of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010, patients can now seek reimbursement for the cost of certain over-the-counter (OTC) medicines and drugs. The rule affects reimbursements under employer-sponsored health plans, health flexible spending arrangements (health FSAs), and health reimbursement arrangements (HRAs), as well

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as health savings accounts (HSAs) and Archer medical savings accounts (Archer MSAs).

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THIS WINTER, THE US GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICE (GAO), A RESEARCH ARM OF CONGRESS, IS CONDUCTING A NATIONAL SURVEY OF MEDICARE PROVIDERS REGARDING THEIR VACCINATION PRACTICES. THE SURVEY WILL BE MAILED TO A RANDOM SAMPLE OF PHYSICIANS, INCLUDING FAMILY PHYSICIANS. IF YOU RECEIVE THE SURVEY IN THE MAIL, WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO RESPOND AS THE RESULTS WILL BE INCLUDED IN A REPORT TO CONGRESS.

NYS Diabetes Campaign Update

TOOLS: new tools for diabetes practice improvement are available on the Campaign website www.fulldiabetescare.org.

In case you missed this..... You can receive up to \$2500 per physician in your practice for receiving NCQA recognition for diabetes – MEETING the MARK RFP: the application process is being simplified for small practices to apply for the Meeting the Mark \$2500 per physician funds to support Diabetes Recognition. Click here for info on the RFP: <http://www.nysdiabetescampaign.org/news/nyshealth-launches-new-rfp-advance-diabetes-campaign-goal>

WEBINARS: two webinars are offered in February

Friday, February 18, 2011, 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Preventing Diabetes and Promoting Heart Smart Women: A Webinar with Dr. Jennifer Mieres

To register for the webinar, please click here:

<https://www.livemeeting.com/lrs/8002800489/Registration.aspx?pageName=7zr0nvqkq0w69fgm>

Monday, February 28th at 12:00 Noon

Dr. Neil Calman will lead a call on using registry data to help drive changes in the delivery system to improve quality of diabetes management. Registration details will be emailed when they are available.

WANTED: presenters for webinars on **diabetes care** topics. Honorarium available..... contact Janet@nysafp.org.

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Available CME

Many members may need additional CME hours to fulfill their CME requirements.

Physicians will find a useful source of continuing medical education (CME) at the Annotated List of Online Continuing Medical Education, <http://www.cmelist.com/list.htm>.

There are links to more than 325 Online CME sites offering more than 13,500 CME courses and more than 24,000 hours of CME credit. The List is updated regularly as new online CME sites and courses become available. There is no charge for accessing the List and no registration is required.

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THIS INFORMATION IS PRINTED ON THE MEMBER'S DUES INVOICE AND CAN BE ACTIVATED ONLINE OR THROUGH COMMUNICATION TO THE CONTACT CENTER.

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LLOYD AT DLLOYD@AAFP.ORG.

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Child and Adolescent Psychiatry for Primary Care

As of January 25th, 2011 ALL PCPs across New York State* can use the following services:

- Real time access to CAP PC child and adolescent psychiatrists for phone consultation support 5 days a week (excluding holidays) from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM.
- Access to CAP PC Liaison Coordinators to assist with linkage and referral to specialty child mental health services.

It's Easy!

1. Fill out the Agreement to Participate and Fax it to 716 887-5851
2. Call our toll-free number 1-855 CAPPC72 (227-7272) with your questions about children in your practice with mental health needs.

(Please note: CAP PC is not intended to meet the needs of children with emergency needs but we will assist with referrals of these cases.)

Click here for contact information: <http://www.nysafp.org/index/commissions-2/education-10/cap-pc-services-available-76.html>

*PCPs in the Albany and north region are not eligible for CAP PC but may participate in the CAPES program. Please contact Jeff Daly MD at 518-584-3600 or <http://www.capesprogram.org/>

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Student Externship Available

We have been advised by the American Academy of Family Physicians/Foundation that we will receive one Matching grant of \$1,250.00 to help support the NYSAFP's 2011 Student Externship Program. The grant award will match \$1,250.00 provided by the NYSAFP/Foundation.

The grant award is intended to support \$2,000.00 for the medical student's stipend and up to \$500.00 for the mentor's participation.

If you are interested in applying for this externship, please contact us by mail, e-mail, fax or phone at:

New York State Academy of Family Physicians/Foundation
260 Osborne Road
Loudonville, New York 12211
e-mail: fp@nysafp.org
phone: 800-822-0700 (in state)
518-489-8945 (local Albany area)
Fax: 518-489-8961

Please note that if these funds are not used by 12/1/11 we will have to return them, so please let us hear from you as quickly as possible and remember that there is only one grant available.

Physician's Corner - Eric A. Shoenfeld

UNDER THE STETHOSCOPE

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from the **LI Herald** on December 29, 2010

By Chris Connolly

Dr. Eric Shoenfeld, Baldwin Herald's 2010 Person of the Year

When the Herald put out the call for Person of the Year suggestions, Dr. Eric Shoenfeld's was a name we saw a lot. "He's everyone's doctor," one nominator enthused. "He's everyone's father's doctor, too."

So, as we always do on matters relating to Baldwin, we consulted Michele Snow, a 36-year Baldwin resident who answers the phones at the Herald offices. Did she know Dr. Shoenfeld?

"Yes," Snow said. "He's my doctor. He's my father's doctor, too."

There aren't enough fathers' doctors left in this county — doctors who tend not only to the patient, or the body part, in front of them, but to human beings, families and communities. In an era when having any health care at all can feel like a stroke of luck, the value of a genuine, dedicated general practitioner is incalculable.

[Read the full story](#)

Accountable Care Organizations – Panacea or Placebo?

By: Mathew J. Levy, Michael J. Schoppmann & Stacey Lipitz Marder
Kern Augustine Conroy & Schoppmann, P.C.

Since the passage of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010 (PPACA) brought about the introduction of a previously heretofore unheard of concept known as a "accountable care organizations" (ACOs), there has been a growing conversation in the medical community centered around two primary questions - what are ACO's and what do they foretell as to the future of medicine? ACOs were introduced as a Medicare savings program, intended to enhance quality, improve beneficiary outcomes and increase the value of care through incentives to healthcare providers. Although PPACA mandates that the federal government establish an ACO-based Medicare shared savings program by January 1, 2012, at this juncture there has been

little guidance issued by the federal government with respect to these ACOs and how they will be structured.

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Winter Weekend 2011

Thank you for making Winter Weekend a success.

Lectures and CME certificate can be found at:

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Nominations Welcome for NYSAFP Offices

The NYSAFP Commission on Leadership Development & Nominations seeks candidates for election to NYSAFP offices at the June, 2011 Congress of Delegates.

Nominations should be received no later than **March 10, 2011** with elections to be held during the 2011 Congress of Delegates taking place June 18th & 19th, 2011 at The Desmond Hotel in Albany, New York.

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10th Annual CRIT Program

10th Annual Chief Resident Immersion Training (CRIT) Program in Addiction Medicine: Improving Teaching Skills for Generalists **A NIDA-funded Training for Incoming Chief Residents and Faculty Mentors**

The 10th Annual Chief Resident Immersion Training (CRIT) Program is a four-day immersion training for incoming chief residents and their faculty mentors on evidence-based methods in diagnosing, managing, and teaching about substance use disorders. This training will prepare chief residents to teach addiction medicine and enhance faculty attendees mentoring skills.

When: May 11th-14th, 2011

Where: Cape Cod, Massachusetts

Cost: There is no tuition for chief residents or faculty mentors

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Calendar of Events

Please see our [calendar](#) for additional events.

2011 Calendar

Onondaga County NYSAFP Chapter

March 3 dinner meeting, 6 p.m.

University Sheraton, Syracuse

Wanda Montalvo, RN, MSN, ANP, Clinical Director of the NYS Diabetes Campaign will speak regarding Support for Achieving NCQA Recognition for Diabetes Care with a Financial Reward for Successful Physicians

Onondaga county members and members of five surrounding counties are invited to attend, as well as attendees at the 40th annual family medicine refresher course sponsored by St. Josephs Hospital and SUNY Upstate. Election of county officers will occur at this meeting.

There is **no charge**, but you must register by emailing Carleen Pensero at Carleen.Pensero@sjhsyr.org.

Other chapters interested in having Wanda Montalvo of the NYS Diabetes Campaign address their meetings can contact her at wmontalvo@nysdiabetes.org

Commissions and Board Meeting

March 5-6 March Cluster Hilton Garden Inn, Troy

Commissions - Meet prior to March 6 Board Meeting

Join a Commission!

Lobby Day

March 7 Legislative Office Building, Albany

Downstate Regional Family Medicine Conference!

April 9 Beth Israel Medical Center, Manhattan

Mark your calendars for the *1st Annual Downstate RFMC*

Registration available soon

If you are interested in presenting a lecture please contact Kelly at Kelly@nysafp.org or complete the [Call for Proposal](#).

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Congress of Delegates

June 18-19 Desmond Hotel, Albany

Summer Cluster

August 6-7, Hilton Garden Inn New York/Staten Island

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Non-NYSAFP Events

Author in the Room® Teleconference

Join us on **Wednesday, February 16**, 2011, from 2:00 to 3:00 PM Eastern Time for the Author in the Room® teleconference. The topic for this call is the JAMA article, [Herpes Zoster Vaccine in Older Adults and the Risk of Subsequent Herpes Zoster Disease](#), by Dr Steven J. Jacobsen, MD, PhD.

[Event Info](#)

**CAP PC Child and Adolescent Psychiatry
SIGN UP NOW FOR 2011 TRAINING SESSIONS**

The second series of REACH/CAP PC training sessions has been announced for 2011. This project is designed to strengthen and integrate the relationship between primary care and child psychiatry. It was launched last year by the University at Buffalo's Department of Psychiatry. Dates are May-July across the state.

[Click here for additional information and program dates.](#)

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WANTED: presenters for webinars on **diabetes care** topics. Honorarium available..... contact Janet@nysafp.org.

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