



# Family Medicine

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Winter Weekend January 28-31 SPECIAL GUESTS

Dr. Regina Benjamin – the newly appointed US Surgeon General will join us on Saturday, January 30. Dr. Benjamin is a rural family physician from Alabama.

Dr. Joel Goodman - the director of the Humor Project in Saratoga Springs, NY will be our keynote speaker on Saturday, January 30.

Dr. Joseph W. Tollison – the Senior Advisor to the President of the American Board of Family Medicine will attend two practice improvement sessions to share specifics of Part IV

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MC-FP (PPMs and alternatives) with attendees. The practice improvement sessions are Thursday, January 28, and Sunday, January 31.

Senator John Sampson - the leader of the Democratic Conference was elected to the New York State Senate in 1996. He represents the 19th Senatorial District which encompasses Canarsie, East Flatbush, parts of Brownsville, Crown Heights, East New York, portions of Old Mill Basin, Spring Creek Towers, and parts of Midwood and Kensington in Brooklyn.



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### [Dr. Ephraim Back Delivers New Year's Baby](#)

Longtime NYSAFP member, Dr. Ephraim Back delivered his first New Year's Baby - and the first in the Capital Region - at 12:26am on January 1, 2010. Assisting in the delivery was Dr. Veronica Bubb, a first-year resident and NYSAFP member. Congratulations to all!

[Read the Times Union article here](#)

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### [Winter Weekend Research Forum - Saturday, January 30](#)

The deadline for submissions to the Research Forum has been extended to January 10, 2010. Please encourage residents, students, and/or faculty to submit their work. We strive to provide an opportunity to share research efforts and will consider work that has been presented in other venues. Please e-mail your abstract of not more than 350 words to [backe@ellishospital.org](mailto:backe@ellishospital.org) or [click here to apply](#).

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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. For more information members can contact David Lloyd at [dlloyd@aafp.org](mailto:dlloyd@aafp.org).



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## Physician's Corner

### UNDER THE STETHOSCOPE

**NYSAFP Member Marc Price, DO**

### *New York Family Physician Appointed to AAFP Commission on Governmental Advocacy*

Dr. Price has been a member of the AAFP and the NYSAFP since 2001.

Marc Price, DO, of Mechanicville, NY has been appointed to a 3-year term on the AAFP Commission on Governmental Advocacy. The announcement was made by AAFP president Ted Epperly, MD. Dr. Price is a member of the NYSAFP board of directors and is vice-chairman of the NYSAFP Commission on Advocacy. He has also represented NYSAFP at the AAFP's National Conference on Special Constituencies. Congratulations to Dr. Price!

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## CMS Changes in Consultation Procedure Codes

CMS recently announced a change to the use of Consultation procedure codes. The CMS Provider Outreach & education Staff will be conducting teleconferences on the changes that are taking place. Three additional sessions are scheduled for January.

Pre-registration for these sessions is not needed necessary. However, the attendees will be responsible for obtaining the teleconference materials from the CMS web site at this link.

[Click here for materials.](#)

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## News From the Diabetes Campaign

### NYSAFP Member Receives NCQA Recognition

The Academy congratulates Allen L. Fein, MD, who has received recognition from the NCQA Diabetes Recognition Program.

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## The NYS Diabetes Coalition (NYDC) Registry & Education Collaborative

If your practice is interested in implementing a registry to support care for your patients with diabetes, the NYDC can assist you. All practices are eligible to receive the web-based DocSite Registry, an electronic decision support system with a diabetes care management module and other chronic disease and preventive care modules. Members of the NYDC team will help you set up the Registry and will provide free support for 18 months.

[Click here to see more about what the NYDC will do for your practice.](#)

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### Disaster Medical Assistance Response Team Opportunity

DMAT-NY4, a Disaster Medical Assistance Response team based in Rockland County, NY, is a Level 1 team under the Federal HHS Office of the Assistant Secretary of Emergency Preparedness & Response, (OASPR). DMAT-NY4 is expanding its Roster from 125 to 155 members and needs 2 more Doctors.

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## Winter Weekend January 28-31 OTHER ACTIVITIES

Cooking Demonstration and Tasting

Saturday, January 30th @ 2:00-4:00

Northwoods Inn, 2520 Main Street, Lake Placid, 518.523.1818

Whiteface Mountain

Ski Whiteface, for more information go to

<http://www.whiteface.com>

DISCOUNT: Text 'FACE' to 35350. Receive free \$34 half day lift ticket to Whiteface

Yoga: Alignment Principles: The Gateway to Freedom

Friday @ 4:00 & Saturday @ 3:00

Suzanne Lynch, founder and owner of Saratoga Springs Yoga

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**AAFP Live!**  
Buffalo, New York  
Hyatt Regency Buffalo  
Saturday, March 27, 2010  
7:45 a.m.-12 p.m.

This half-day course on Diabetes and Cardiovascular Disease will give you the knowledge and skills to:

- Confidently diagnose diabetes and cardiovascular conditions.
- Apply prevention/treatment guidelines.
- Effectively communicate the critical elements of preventive care, such as lifestyle, nutrition and exercise.

Registration is free, but space is limited. Click [here](#) for more information or to register now.

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## New York State Medicaid Update

*The official newsletter of the New York Medicaid Program*

In their current issue

Medicaid Integrity Contractor Audits

Smoking Cessation Counseling Offered

Card Swipe Program Expanding

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## What's going on?

**January 28-31, 2010:** NYSAFP Winter Weekend & Scientific Assembly, High Peaks Resort, Lake Placid [REGISTER HERE](#)

**March 6-7, 2010:** NYSAFP Winter Cluster, Crowne Plaza, Albany

**March 8, 2010:** NYSAFP Lobby Day, State Capitol, Albany

**June 19-20, 2010:** NYSAFP Congress of Delegates, Desmond Hotel, Albany

**September 27-29, 2010:** AAFP Congress of Delegates, Denver

**September 29-October 3, 2010:** AAFP Scientific Assembly, Denver

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