

On the Pathology Scene

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Message from the President

It is a pleasure and an honor to represent the ISP in the capacity of president. The last few years have been nothing less than turbulent and the ISP under the leadership of past president Robert DeCresce and immediate past president Eleni Bourtsos has accomplished a great deal on behalf of pathologists in Illinois. On the legislative front, ISP has been instrumental in passing the Accountable Care Organization Clinical

Laboratory Testing Advisory Board Act, which requires every ACO to have an advisory board to recommend guidelines and protocols for clinical laboratory testing. Every advisory board should include at least one pathologist Medical Lab Director or a pathologist designated by the Medical Director. The ISP was also instrumental in passing the Anti-Mark-Up Bill which effectively prohibits the mark-up of anatomic pathology services by physicians that order but do not perform or supervise these services. The success of these efforts could not have been possible without the leadership of Eleni and Bob, the support and guidance of Barry Ziman from the CAP State Legislative Affairs, ISP board of directors and advocacy donations by ISP members.

Most recently, ISP with the guidance of the CAP State Legislative Affairs has been working on behalf of patients and Illinois pathologist to ensure that state approved health insurance plans maintain adequacy for in-network pathologist participation. We continue to advocate on your behalf! With the advent of a new administration in Washington that vows to repeal the ACA at the federal level, and the gridlock of our state government locally, the only certainty is change. The ISP will continue to be engaged

Please be reminded that the ISP remains among the largest body of pathologists in the state of Illinois and is the only professional organization particularly focused on issues specifically affecting Illinois pathologists. The ISP needs active participation and financial support from all of us. I would like to thank all pathologists who continue to support the ISP by renewing their membership and contributing to the ISP Advocacy Fund. If you have not yet renewed your membership, please consider doing so without delay. Thank You.

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CAP states that voting opens on March 10th and closes on April 21st. The election results will be announced on April 28th. When the Illinois Delegation has been determined, Delegates and Alternates, then the Delegation will select the Chair.

The next CAP House of Delegates and Residents Forum Meeting will be held in San Antonio on March 4 immediately before the USCAP Meeting begins.

CAP Says: Less Than 35 Days to Report PAMA Data

The Protecting Access to Medicare Act (PAMA) requires certain laboratories to submit private payor rates for clinical laboratory tests. Private payor data is due to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid (CMS) by March 31, 2017, which less than 35 days away.

To help you with the submission process, the CMS created a PAMA Data Collection User Guide with step-by-step instructions and screen shots.

The CAP has added this invaluable tool to our pathology-specific **PAMA RESOURCES**, including an informative **INFO-GRAPHIC** and **PODCAST**, to help laboratories understand regulatory requirements and upcoming deadlines. These resources and additional tools can be found on the CAP's **PAMA RESOURCES WEBPAGE**



News flash on Aetna Better Health

We have reports from members that Aetna Better Health, a Medicaid managed care product, has not been paying the professional component of clinical Pathology for these covered services under traditional Medicaid. While it is unclear what the rationale for these denials is, given Aetna's generally adverse view towards CP component, we should expect a strong opponent. This is particularly important given the Governor's desire to expand managed care to 80% of recipients and limit the number of plans. This is an important issue since if we do not prevail it may spread to other payers.

Donate NOW to Advocacy

We need your Advocacy Donations as we continue to fight these legislative battles, and if there are pathologists in your group who are not members, they need to join. Please support ISP!

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