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## IMS President: Trust Your Local Physician

IMS President Brian Privett, MD, penned a guest column this past week in the Des Moines Register emphasizing the integrity of Iowa physicians and urging patients to turn to their local physicians as a trusted source of information during the COVID-19 pandemic.

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## IMS Adopts Reforms to Strengthen Policy Forum

The IMS Board of Directors has voted to implement a series of reforms to strengthen the Policy Forum model for organizational policy development. The reforms, contained in the [Vista-Wayne Report](#), were discussed and approved at the recent IMS September Board meeting. They include a series of measures intended to further increase member engagement opportunities utilizing social media and technology; ensure authors have a dedicated advocate and guide throughout the process; and look for local and secure opportunities to continue elevating the voices of individual physicians across our state.

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## Wellmark Seeking Physicians for Appeals Panel

Wellmark is seeking IMS assistance in identifying physicians for a provider appeal hearing scheduled for early December 2020. This is an opportunity to help ensure that payer determinations continue to be physician-driven and evidence-based. Interested physicians are encouraged to review the [Appeal Hearing Panel Roles & Responsibilities](#) document and to notify IMS to indicate your interest. Wellmark has also provided a copy of its [Provider Denial, Termination, Appeal and Reporting Procedure](#) policy as a reference.

The deadline for IMS to submit recommendations for physicians to serve on this appeals panel is **Friday, October 9, 2020**. From the list of nominations, Wellmark will select 3-5 physicians to serve on the primary appeals panel and two physicians to serve as alternates. Physicians who serve on the appeals panel will be compensated for their time. Please direct additional questions to [Dennis Tibben](#) with IMS.

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## COVID-19 Vaccine Provider Agreement Now Available

IDPH has begun distribution of the CDC COVID-19 Vaccination Program Provider Agreement. Practices who wish to administer the anticipated COVID-19 vaccine must first complete this agreement via the state's REDCap survey. Practices are encouraged to promptly complete the REDCap survey, sign their COVID-19 Vaccination Program Provider Agreement, and take the additional steps outlined in the [September 23 IMS Report](#) on COVID-19 Planning and Distribution.

[More Information](#)

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## HHS to Open New Round of Provider Relief Funding

HHS has announced an additional \$20 billion in provider relief funding available to the following groups:

- Providers who previously received, rejected, or accepted a General Distribution Provider Relief Fund payment. Providers that have already received payments of approximately 2% of annual revenue from patient care may submit more information to become eligible for an additional payment.
- Behavioral Health providers, including those that previously received funding and new providers.
- Healthcare providers that began practicing January 1, 2020 through March 31, 2020. This includes Medicare, Medicaid, CHIP, and behavioral health providers.

Applications for this latest round of funding opens on **Monday, October 5.**

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**Save the Date: Tuesday, October 13 | 6:00 - 8:00 pm**

**COVID-19 is exacerbating physician mental health, and intensifying burnout more than ever before. *IMS wants to help.***

IMS will be continuing its virtual Professional Burnout and Resiliency Program on **Tuesday, October 13, 2020.** This programming, presented in conjunction with Aveea Partners, provides resources to help you: **PREVENT** burnout, **RECOGNIZE** warning signs, **EXPLORE** simple, evidence-based solutions, **DISCUSS** how to lead without leading to burnout, **BUILD** a resilient organization, **REDISCOVER** the joy of practicing medicine, & **RETURN** to your primary purpose: caring for patients. Register today!

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### **Upcoming Webinars & Events:**

[October 2, 12 pm: Mental Health in the New Normal, Online](#)

[October 7, 2020: Approaches to Pain Management Conference](#)

[October 7, 2020: Iowa Cancer Consortium Summit, Week One: Affirming Cancer Care, 1:00 - 3:00 pm](#)

[October 7: AMA Webinar Series: COVID-19 Vaccine Development: What Physicians Need to Know, 2:00 p.m.](#)

[October 13: IMS Professional Burnout and Resiliency Programming: Awareness, Care, Management, Spirit Lake: Virtual Event](#)

[October 14, 2020: Iowa Cancer Consortium Summit, Week Two: Black Lives Matter, 1:00 - 3:00 pm](#)

[October 15: DMU Grand Rounds: Primitive Reflexes and Developmental Delays in Young Children, virtual presentation, 7 – 8 am CT](#)

[October 15: 5-2-1-0 Summit, Virtual Event, 9:00 am - 3:30 pm.](#)

[October 16, 12:30 pm: Death, Grief, and Compassion Fatigue, Online](#)

[October 17-19: National Academy of Medicine: Confronting Urgent Threats to Human Health and Society; COVID-19 and Climate Change \(2020 Annual Meeting\)](#)

[October 21, 11 am CT: Iowa Critical Access Hospital Community Health Needs Assessment, Online](#)

[October 21, 2020: Iowa Cancer Consortium Summit, Week Three: Making Connections, 1:00 - 3:00 pm](#)

[October 22: 7 pm CT: Incorporating Teaching Into a Busy Practice, Online](#)

[October 28, 2020: Iowa Cancer Consortium Summit, Week Four: Everyday Actions for Cancer Control, 1:00 - 3:00 pm](#)

[November 5: DMU Grand Rounds: Human Trafficking in Health Care, virtual presentation, 7 – 8 am CT](#)

[November 5: Improving Access to Psychosocial Services in Low-and Middle-Income Countries](#)

[November 12: 12:15 pm CT: Evaluating the Student with Reliability and Validity, Online](#)

[December 10: 7 pm CT: Teacher-Student Boundaries, Online](#)

December 2020: IMS Professional Burnout and Resiliency Programming: Awareness, Care, Management, Des Moines: Virtual Event

[February 10, 2021, 11 am CT: Iowa Critical Access Hospital Community Health Needs Assessment – Planning for Success, Online](#)

[May 12, 2021, 11 am CT: Iowa Critical Access Hospital Community Health Needs Assessment – Implementing Your Plan, Online](#)

### **Webinar Archive:**

[WPS CMS Telehealth Webinars](#)

[Navigating Telehealth Billing During COVID-19: State & National Billing & Coding Updates](#)

[COVID-19 Informational Webinar: Linn County Medical Society](#)

[Leaves, Layoffs, and Furloughs: Navigating Resources to Temporarily Reduce Clinic Staff](#)

[Physician Wellness: Facing the Frontlines: Caring for Yourself and Others During Crisis](#)

[Physician Wellness: Being Mentally Strong and Healthy in a Time of Crisis](#)

[Physician Wellness: Adding Value During Non-Essential Time: Password: 8r4FT955](#)

[IMS Quick Connect Webinars: Recordings Available on IMS COVID-19](#)

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