

TMGMA ENEWS

July 2017



Message from the President

I hope all of you are having a great Summer! We have some important updates and dates of interest we hope you will make note of as we are expecting a significant level of participation from our members.

First, TMGMA has updated the website with a new platform and interface. We spoke to several of you that provided feedback on specific areas of interest and items that could be improved on our electronic communication. The Board heard what you were suggesting and we expect to have a better level of service and an improved user experience on

this new site. An email was sent to all members at the end of June to assist with a first time visit to the new site. Please reach out to our Executive Director, Rebekah Francis, if you need any assistance with access.

Nominations are still being collected for the Past President's Scholarship and the TMGMA Scholarships. The purpose of these scholarships are to assist our members and non-members with funds to allow pursuit and continuing growth within the field of Healthcare Management through the different resources, events, Certification, and Fellowship programs of the MGMA. Each scholarship has specific criteria and nominations are available for completion on the TMGMA website. If you feel like nominating yourself or a colleague to receive free money, please do so **by Friday, July 21 2017!** The scholarships will be awarded at our TMGMA Fall Conference on August 17 – 18, 2017

Last but not least, our TMGMA Legislative and Payer Conference is open for registration. The event will be at the Downtown Knoxville Marriott, on August 17 – 18, 2017. The information, agenda, registration, and details are all posted on the TMGMA website. This event will be packed with updates on National and State Legislative changes, information to assist you with charging and collecting to the highest level, opportunities for revenue, and the ability to communicate directly with some of our States larger insurance and payer groups. Please register to ensure room availability.

We hope to see each of you next month at the Conference.

Jeff McPherson, MBA, CMPE
President, Tennessee Medical Group Management Association

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Upcoming Webinar

[Sept 12 @ 12:00pm \(Central\)](#)

Charging for Medical Records &
Patient Access to Protected Health
Information

ACMPE CORNER

Become a **NOMINEE** in the *American College of Medical Practice Executives*

Become a **CMPE** (*Certified Medical Practice Executive*)

Or **FACMPE** (*Fellow in the American College of Medical Practice Executives*)

For all current Nominees: As of January 2019, the qualifications to apply for ACMPE certification will change. In addition to requiring two years of healthcare experience, and six months in a supervisory role, applicants will be required to hold a bachelor's degree or 120 college credit hours upon applying. Nominees who do not meet these education requirements have until December 31, 2018 to achieve certification.

Register for your exam online at mgma.org/statecert to receive a *FREE STUDY WORKBOOK* (Valued at \$119)

Please contact me with your questions.

Barbara Daniels, FACMPE
ACMPE Forum Representative
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2017 Exam dates:

Exam Dates	Registration
September 9-23- Scenario-based exam	July 24-August 4
December 2-16	October 23-November 3

Exam sites can be found [online](#).

Registration information is located on mgma.com/exams

Exam preparation resource materials are available in the [MGMA store](#).

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2017 Fellowship deadlines:

June 2, 2017 - Outline due (Recommended due date)

August 4, 2017 - Final manuscript due (Required due date)

[Requirements and resources](#) for Fellowship are available at MGMA's website.

Exam changes:

The new **Scenario-based exam** will be introduced **September 2017**. The scenario-based exam will consist of 18-25 scenarios, which are real-life situations that you may face as a practice executive. You will be asked to answer five to seven questions in response to each scenario. Examinees will have two hours to complete each part of the exam.

Study Groups:

For **Certification**, there are 8 weekly webinar modules covering the 6 domains in the Body of Knowledge, which are open to members and non-members. See the [webinar series](#) in the MGMA store for more details. There is also a Tennessee MGMA study group in the member community hosted by Deborah Hudson. [Tennessee ACMPE Study Group](#)

The **Fellowship study group** webinar series is designed to help individuals considering Fellowship to learn more about the process and requirements. All webinars are now available [on-demand](#).



MGMA17 Annual Conference- Registration is Now Open!

Join us Oct. 8-11 in sun-splashed Anaheim, CA for the [MGMA 2017 Annual Conference](#). This premier healthcare conference caters to top executives as well as all levels of medical practice professionals and decision makers in the healthcare industry. MGMA17 will empower you to lead your organization with confidence through unparalleled educational sessions, face-to-face networking and industry-leading product research opportunities.

PAST PRESIDENTS SCHOLARSHIP FUND—APPLY TODAY



Do You Like FREE MONEY?

Well, duh! Who doesn't?

Each year, TMGMA presents scholarships to assist with the cost of continuing education and professional development in the area of Medical Practice Management. Advance your career and apply now for one of three annual scholarships funded by the TMGMA Past Presidents. Click [Scholarships](#) for the application and complete criteria. The deadline for this year's awards applications has been extended to **this Friday, July 21st**.

TMGMA awards a \$2,000 scholarship to an Active member for advancement in the American College of Medical Practice Executives. Funds must be used for attendance to the MGMA Annual Conference (reimbursable expenses include MGMA member dues, ACMPE testing fee, AC registration, hotel, travel and meals).

TMGMA awards two \$500 scholarships each to Active members of one of our local MGMA chapters. Recipients of these scholarships do not have to be a member of the Tennessee MGMA, but must be active in his/her local chapter. These awards are designed to defray the expenses of attending a Tennessee MGMA conference (reimbursable expenses include TMGMA member dues, Spring or Fall conference registration, hotel, travel and meals).

If you have any questions, contact Steve Dickens, JD, FACMPE – Chair of the Past Presidents' Council, steved@svmic.com.

Submit your application today by visiting our website at tmgma.com.



The Tennessee Medical Group Management Association Tennessee Medical Association, Tennessee Hospital Association and the Tennessee Medical Association have partnered to develop [an online portal for gathering feedback from healthcare providers about the state's payment reform initiative](#).

The [Tennessee Healthcare Innovation Initiative](#) is the state's plan to reduce the costs of healthcare and increase quality for TennCare and state employees. Commonly referred to as "[payment reform](#)," the initiative includes shifting from traditional fee-for-service reimbursements to retrospective payments based on episodes of care. Providers may be able to share in cost savings when total costs for an episode fall below a pre-determined commendable threshold, or face financial penalties if total costs exceed an acceptable threshold.

Because of the complexity of managing episodes of care and the limited data reporting and sharing that currently exists, TMGMA and

THA and TMA are offering the portal as a way for physicians and other healthcare providers to submit feedback. Information gathered will help the three organizations clearly identify challenges and opportunities within the existing program and offer suggestions for improvement to the Bureau of TennCare and other state officials.

The online tool – [Tennessee Innovation Inform or "Ti2"](#) – allows physicians, practice managers, hospitals and other providers to share feedback about the initiative and specific episodes of care already in place. Categories include payment reconciliation, quarterly metrics and risk adjustments, among others.

The Ti2 website is currently live and ready to accept feedback from healthcare providers. Submitting feedback through the portal is a simple process that requires only a few clicks. Users can share feedback as often as they'd like and/or as an issue or concern arises.

For more information about the state's payment reform initiatives, visit tnmed.org/paymentreform.

For more information about Ti2, contact Jim Goodloe at THA at jgoodloe@tha.com.

TMGMA Legislative News

TMGMA works closely with both the MGMA and TMA Government Affairs staff to provide our members with the latest legislative & regulatory information. TMGMA members are encouraged to participate in grassroots activities, anecdotal surveys, and contacting your elected officials on issues of importance to medical practices. For more information on how you can get involved or questions on any legislative issue, contact your TMGMA Legislative Liaison DeAnna Brown, FACMPE, CPC at dbrown@tnvalleyurology.net.



Medical liability reform bill passes House

On June 28th the House of Representatives passed the Protecting Access to Care Act of 2017 (H.R. 1215), which now advances to the Senate for consideration. MGMA members are encouraged to access our [Contact Congress portal](#) and urge your senators to take action to support medical liability reform legislation. H.R. 1215 would offer additional protections to physician practices against the threat of frivolous lawsuits by imposing certain limits on medical malpractice litigation, thereby helping to curb insurance premiums and ensure affordable access to healthcare services. The bill is estimated to cut federal healthcare spending by \$44 billion and reduce the deficit by \$50 billion over a decade.

I want to encourage all of you to contact your legislators and push to support the grassroots efforts of medical liability reform.

MGMA resource has answers as new global surgical code reporting requirements take effect

Beginning July 1, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) requires clinicians in certain practices to report post-operative services furnished during global surgical periods. The new requirements apply to providers who practice in groups with 10 or more practitioners in Florida, Kentucky, Louisiana, Nevada, New Jersey, North Dakota, Ohio, Oregon and Rhode Island and the data will be used to value global surgical codes' fee schedule rates. To assist members with questions, MGMA developed a member-benefit [resource](#) that answers frequently asked questions and includes additional details about how to report.

2016 Open Payments data now public

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) posted 2016 financial data to the Open Payments website, which publicizes payments and transfers of value from group purchasing organizations and drug/device manufacturers to physicians and teaching hospitals. In total, there were \$8.18 billion in payments attributed to 630,824 clinicians and 1,146 teaching hospitals. Clinicians and hospitals have until the end of the calendar year to dispute any new data reported. Any resulting changes will be reflected in the next data refresh, expected in January 2018. There were also several new functionalities added to the website, including the ability to compare payments for a particular physician or hospital to national or state averages and medians, as well as an option to filter by specialty. To learn more, visit MGMA's newly revamped Open Payments [resource](#).

Volunteer

Join me! Are you interested in serving on the TMGMA Legislative Committee? We are currently in the process of looking for committee members for this year's Legislative Committee. Volunteer by emailing me at dbrown@tnvalleyurology.net



Policies Payments Politics

Tennessee MGMA & Knoxville MGMA

Legislative/Payer Conference

August 17-18, 2017



Thursday, August 17

- 8:00 am Exhibitor Registration
- 9:30 am Attendee Registration
- 10:30 - 11:45 am Opening General Session *Sponsored by SVMIC*
Washington Update Suzanne Falk, *MGMA Government Affairs*
- 11:45 - 12:45 pm Networking Lunch with Exhibitors
- 12:45 - 1:45 pm **Compliant Physician Documentation in an Electronic World**
Kim Huey CHC, CPC, *KGG Coding & Reimbursement Consulting*
- 1:45 - 2:15 pm Break with Exhibitors
- 2:15 - 3:15 pm **Practice Fiduciary Responsibilities and Cash Flow**
Tina Hogeman CPA, CMPE, *MGMA*
- 3:15 - 3:45 pm Break with Exhibitors
- 3:45 - 5:00 pm **Billing for Non-physician Practitioners**
Kim Huey CHC, CPC, *KGG Coding & Reimbursement Consulting*
- 5:00 - 6:30 pm Networking Reception with Exhibitors

Friday, August 18

- 7:30 - 8:15 am Breakfast with Exhibitors
TMGMA Business Meeting & Scholarship Award Presentation
- 8:15 - 9:15 am **Mobile Device Risks**
Joseph Granneman, *Illumination.io*
- 9:20 - 9:50 am Break with Exhibitors
- 9:55 - 10:30 am **Payer Session** - United Healthcare
- 10:35 - 11:10 am **Payer Session** - Bureau of TennCare
- 11:15 - 11:50 am **Payer Session** - Cigna
- 12:00 - 1:00 pm Lunch with Exhibitors
Past Presidents' Council Scholarship Award and SVMIC Administrator of the Year Presentations
- 1:10—1:45 pm **Payer Session** - Cahaba
- 1:50—2:50 pm **State Legislative Update**
A. Yarnell Beatty, JD, *Tennessee Medical Association*
- 2:50—3:00 pm Closing Remarks and Prize Drawing

[Register Today at www.w.tmgma.com](http://www.w.tmgma.com)

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Conference Hotel Information

The Knoxville Marriott is located in the heart of Knoxville. Group reservations will be accepted until July 28th or until the room block is filled, whichever comes first.

Make your reservations now by calling **865-637-1234**. The group rate for single or double occupancy is **\$129.95** per night. Be sure to mention **TNMGMA** to receive the discounted rate.

Conference Attendee Fees

Active TMGMA Member: \$125
Affiliate TMGMA Member: \$325
TMGMA Life Member: No Charge
Non-Member: \$325

Refund Policy

Cancellations received prior to August 1st are subject to a \$50 cancellation fee. Cancellations received after August 1st and no-shows cannot be refunded. Substitutions from within the same group are acceptable.

ACMPE Credit Hours

This program is eligible for up to 9 credit hours by the American College of Medical Practice Executives.

PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT TMGMA.COM TO REGISTER



