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TOP STORIES

Co-sponsors Sought for ACE Kids Act; HOPD Advocacy Continues



Paul King, executive director, University of Michigan C.S. Mott Children's Hospital and Von Voigtlander Women's Hospital, Ann Arbor, took a lead role in discussing the ACE Kids Act in Washington, DC, last week.

Last week, the MHA partnered with the Children's Hospital Association to visit Capitol Hill and ask members of Michigan's congressional delegation to co-sponsor H.R. 546 and S. 298, the Advancing Care for Exceptional (ACE) Kids Act.

Under the ACE Kids Act, states could authorize a provider — such as a pediatrician or pediatric specialist, a children's hospital or community health center — or a team of healthcare professionals to provide comprehensive care management and care coordination services for eligible children with medically complex conditions. This would include coordinating access to medical services from out-of-state healthcare providers as medically necessary. As a condition of participating in the health home option, which would allow specialty children's healthcare providers to manage care for severely ill children, states would be required to collect data on the characteristics of participating children and providers, as well as applicable quality-of-care measures.

Chronically ill and medically fragile children represent only 6 percent of patients at children's hospitals, but account for 40 percent of the total amount billed for patient care at those same hospitals. Clinically intensive care coordination, as proposed under the legislation, is expected to save money for the Medicaid program.

Paul King, executive director at the University of Michigan's C.S. Mott Children's Hospital and Von Voigtlander Women's Hospital, Ann Arbor, represented Michigan children's hospitals during visits with Michigan House members and the office of Sen. Debbie Stabenow. Sponsors of the ACE Kids Act are working for the act's inclusion in a year-end legislative vehicle.

Also last week, MHA members encouraged members of the Michigan congressional delegation to co-sign [U.S. House and Senate letters](#) to Andy Slavitt, acting administrator for the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, regarding the proposed rule for implementing Section 603 of the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2015. As proposed, **this rule would impede innovation and the redesign of hospital care delivery by prohibiting reimbursement for hospital outpatient department (HOPD) services that were relocated after Nov. 2, 2015, and for any new outpatient services offered after Nov. 2.**

The rule also deems off-campus HOPDs that opened or changed service lines or locations since Nov. 2 to be physician-owned clinics for reimbursement purposes, but not for operational purposes. This provision would set up substantial

compliance risk under federal fraud and abuse law. [Michigan's U.S. Sens. Debbie Stabenow and Gary Peters signed the Senate letter, and more than half of the Michigan House members signed the House letter.](#) Advocacy on the HOPD issue continues this month and is expected to extend into Congress' lame-duck session in December. For more information on federal advocacy efforts, contact [Laura Appel](#) at the MHA.

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MHA Keystone Center Awarded HIIN Contract; Partners with IHA, WHA

The MHA Keystone Center has been awarded a two-year Hospital Improvement Innovation Network (HIIN) contract by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), with the option for a third year based on early performance. **As part of the HIIN contract, the MHA Keystone Center has partnered with the Illinois Health and Hospital Association (IHA) and the Wisconsin Hospital Association (WHA) in launching the Great Lakes Partners for Patients, a multistate effort that will give participating hospitals the opportunity to share solutions** that have been successful in rural, urban and suburban communities.

The partnership's goal is to reduce hospital-acquired conditions by 20 percent and readmissions by 12 percent by building on the quality improvement work of the MHA, IHA and WHA through the CMS's national Partnership for Patients Hospital Engagement Network (HEN) [1.0](#) and [2.0](#), contracts awarded from 2011 to 2015. Participating hospitals will receive the necessary tools to continue implementing innovations necessary to achieve goals to prevent harm, save lives and lower healthcare costs.

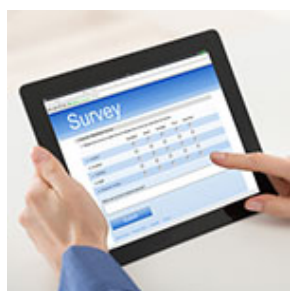
Over the next three years, Great Lakes Partners for Patients hospitals will focus on implementing person and family engagement practices, enhance antimicrobial stewardship, build high-reliability cultures, and address 11 types of inpatient harm:

- Adverse drug events
- Central-line-associated bloodstream infections
- Catheter-associated urinary tract infections
- Clostridium difficile bacterial infection, including antibiotic stewardship
- Injury from falls and immobility
- Pressure ulcers
- Sepsis and septic shock
- Surgical-site infections
- Venous thromboembolism
- Ventilator-associated events
- Readmissions

Hospitals interested in joining the Great Lakes Partners for Patients HIIN must complete a [Letter of Commitment by Nov. 10.](#) For additional information about the Great Lakes Partners for Patients, visit the [Midwest Alliance for Patient Safety](#) or contact [Brittany Bogan](#) at the MHA.

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Valuable Monthly Financial Survey Functions Outlined in Webinar



Earlier this year, the [MHA Board of Trustees endorsed participation by all Michigan hospitals in the Monthly Financial Survey \(MFS\).](#) **The MHA encourages hospital staff to participate in a webinar at 10 a.m. Oct. 26** to learn more about the benefits of the MFS and the data submission process.

The MFS is an online financial and utilization benchmarking tool that is available to hospitals free of charge and collects key data elements from current hospital operations. Approximately 500 hospitals in 14 states participate; some Michigan hospitals having participated in the MFS program since 1999. **In addition to providing timely data to the MHA for representing and advocating for the interests of its member hospitals, the MFS program provides data that are useful to participating hospitals.** Major benefits of the MFS program are timeliness, completeness, simplicity and uniformity of data.

The upcoming webinar is available free of charge, but [registration](#) is required. After registering, participants will receive a confirmation email containing instructions to join the webinar. Members with questions should contact [Vickie Kunz](#) at the MHA.

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Reminder: Order MHA 2016 Election Materials to Help Get Out the Vote Nov. 8

The upcoming general election will set the stage for critical healthcare decisions for Michigan and the nation in the years ahead. **To encourage all eligible Michigan residents to vote Nov. 8, the MHA is offering members access to complimentary election materials designed to get out the vote.** This year's theme is **Your Vote is Vital**, and the following materials are available for hospital members:



- [Your Vote is Vital poster](#) for display throughout hospitals, including waiting and meeting rooms and elevators
- [Your Vote is Vital brochure](#) for providing basic election information and tips for identifying healthcare champions for staff, volunteers, patients, families and visitors
- [Your Vote is Vital table tent](#), which is designed for tabletop display in cafeterias and waiting rooms
- The [2016 MHA Candidate listing](#), which shows candidates by office and district

Materials can be ordered by completing an online [order form](#). Questions about materials should be directed to [Chris Hill](#) at the MHA.

The [MHA 2016 election webpage](#) has a variety of election resources and links to the MHA Facebook and Twitter pages, which will feature the MHA's *Race of the Week* and other timely election news. Questions about the General Election should be directed to [Paige Fults](#) at the MHA.

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The Keckley Report

"I wish discussion about healthcare would get its fair share of the debate tonight or in subsequent debates. ...

"Healthcare is a non-partisan challenge, especially at the community level where, like education, it's essential to stability and economic sustainability. It deserves thoughtful discussion based on objective facts, not talking heads who talk over each other.

"As Lester Holt saddles into the moderator role tonight, the give and take about national security and the economy are certain to generate the majority of the commentary. That's understandable but regrettable. If I had my druthers, I'd ask a few about healthcare."



Keckley

Paul Keckley, Sept. 26, 2016 — [The Great Debate: The 10 Questions about Healthcare that Will Go Unanswered Tonight](#)

MHA members:




Don't miss the opportunity to hear Paul Keckley's presentation at the MHA *Governance Conference* at 1 p.m. Sunday afternoon! [Register](#) for the conference now.

NEWS TO KNOW

- **An MHA Keystone: Hospital-associated Infection (HAI) Regional Learning Session will take place from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. EDT Tuesday at The Landmark Inn, Marquette.** During this interactive session, participants will learn effective strategies to engage leadership, patients and staff in HAI prevention and management. For more information, contact [Bryan Buckley](#) at the MHA.
- **The MHA Legislative Policy Panel will meet from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. EDT Thursday at the MHA Capitol Advocacy Center, Lansing.** Panel members will receive an overview of the Nov. 8 election and discuss changes in the scope of practice for advanced practice registered nurses. For more information, contact [Chris Mitchell](#) at the MHA.
- **The MHA Health Foundation webinar *CMS Proposed Changes to Discharge Planning Standards and Improving Medicare Post-acute Care Transformation (IMPACT) Act* will take place from 10 to 11:30 a.m. EDT Thursday.** This webinar will review proposed changes to discharge planning standards of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS). For more information, contact [Erica Leyko](#) at the MHA.
- **The MHA Council on Children's Health will meet from 9 to 11 a.m. EDT Friday at MHA headquarters, Okemos.** The council will review the federal Advancing Care for Exceptional Kids Act (S. 298/H.R. 546) and discuss statewide pediatric patient safety and quality efforts. For more information, contact [Brittany Bogan](#) at the MHA.
- The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) 2016 fall regional immunization conferences are scheduled statewide during October and November. **The one-day conferences will provide participants with practice-management tools, techniques and information that will help assure that all of their patients are fully immunized.** Many of the conference venues are reaching capacity, so [registration](#) should be completed soon.

Continuing education credit has been approved for pharmacists and nurses. For more [information](#), contact [Carlene Lockwood](#) at the DHHS.

MHA Members can also refer to these items in our *Weekly Mailing*:

- MHA [Updated FY 2017 Medicare VBP Estimate](#) 
- MHA [September 2016 GME Payment Reconciliation](#) 
- MHA Keystone Center [MHA Keystone Center September Update](#) 
- MHA [Upcoming MHA Events](#)

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