



Dear All,

1 - Congratulations!

Centro Multicultural la Familia, Pontiac, MI has just been named “2022 Top-Rated NonProfit” by GreatNonprofits! The award is based on community recommendations of charities and nonprofits. Centro is a member of FCOM and one of our resource/referral services.

2 - 2023 Membership Dues Over 50% of our members have renewed so far!

Dues rate change: A) Clinics with annual budgets up to \$150,000 have **NO** rate change - \$100/year.
B) Clinics with annual budgets above \$150,000 have an **increase** of \$50.00/year, making their dues \$150.00/year.

Stacey Doyle Board Member is heading up this year's membership drive. If you have any questions regarding the application, dues or anything else contact her at stacey@gcfmc.org you can pay your dues through PayPal on the website www.fcomi.org

or mail a check to the address on the membership form. The membership application is attached.

3- Quality Standards/Clinic Data Survey for 2023

NAFC has sent out the clinic data/quality standards survey to all of the clinics. The survey is titled 2022 NAFC Member Data & Standards Report - Michigan.

IF you have not received yours, contact Jeff Compagner at jcompagner@hfhclinic.org. He will get it to you.

February 21st was the due date but don't worry, NAFC is continuing to take surveys.

A couple of things:

- A) NAFC is allowing us to use their survey so they, you and we have the data. You will get a reply from NAFC regarding your scoring and seal if warranted just as in the past you did with us. **You do NOT have to join NAFC**

- B) If you are **having any difficulty** at all about completing the survey contact either Nimesha at liyanage.bn@gmail.com or Jeff Compagner. Both can help with Nimesha being able to help quite extensively.

4 - American Heart Association Webinar March 22, Wednesday, 2 – 3pm.

AHA has asked for an opportunity to discuss their program that they feel can make a positive change in patient's hypertension issues. The webinar is "Learn About Actionable Tools and Resources to Improve Blood Pressure Control" I have sent out the registration email.

5 – 15th Annual Conference April 28, Friday 8:30 – 3:30

BCBSM Lyon Meadows Conference Center - 53200 Grand River, Wixom, MI 48165

After much deliberation, we are returning to the BCBS Conference Center. They are able to accommodate us with very little for us to do but prepare for the conference. As soon as all of the presenters are confirmed, I will send out tentative agenda. *The conference registration form and map are attached.*

6 - Michigan CHAMPS system

Does everyone who needs to **find out if a new patient already has Medicaid/Medicare** have a way to get that information? Through CHAMPS this information is available. Go to the website and apply. A clinic can apply in one of their provider's names and his/her NPI number.

The website also has webinars and training videos: <https://www.michigan.gov/mdhhs/assistance->

[programs/medicaid/portalhome/medicaid-providers/champs-a](https://www.michigan.gov/mdhhs/assistance-programs/medicaid/portalhome/medicaid-providers/champs-a)

7 - Stark Law a Quick Review

"The physician self-referral law, commonly referred to as the Stark law, prohibits physicians from referring patients to receive 'designated health services' payable to **Medicare and Medicaid** from entities with which the physician or an immediate family member has a financial relationship, unless an exception applies"

Besides discussion on this when you bring on new staff or volunteers ask them to sign a Conflict of Interest statement. Make sure the statement includes Stark Law language. *See the attached article.*

8 - Medicaid Unwinding continued...

Michigan's website with current information: www.michigan.gov/mdhhs/end-phe

9 - Legislative Issues

Appropriation for 2024 –

- **House Bill 4346 – Insulin Co-Pay Cap*** This bill covers cost for everyone, not just Medicare enrollees. With President Biden's recommendations to cut the cost of medications for Medicare, this bill may be waiting to see what comes out of that.
- **House Bill 6112 – Legislature to form a committee to review going from a federally based health insurance exchange to a state based insurance exchange*** The Senate Health Policy Committee heard testimony (2/1/23) from DIFS (Department of Insurance and Financial Services) regarding start-up costs, user fees and the number of states that have left the Federal exchange to create their own

exchange. There was no discussion of vendors of healthcare plans or any potential loss of benefits to participants. This discussion is still in very early stages.

- **Senate Bill 1135** – Adopted by the Senate Health Policy Committee with recommendation to the legislature to pass the bill. If passed, telehealth will continue to be covered by Medicaid and not discontinued once the COVID pandemic is declared passed.
- **Public Health Code 378-1976 Use of Donated Medications** Christine Rainey and I sat in on the second meeting. More to come.
- **Expanding broadband throughout the State** Public hearings continue. Go to [MI Connected Future statewide listening tour](#) for a list of the upcoming open meetings. MIHI has also put out a grant perspective for companies to expand fiber and cable.

If you see or hear of any legislation introduced in Michigan you feel impacts our patients or our clinics, please let me know.

10 - Region Meetings Calendar CHANGES

Southwest, Southeast and North Regions meet every other month on the second Tuesday. Southwest 10:30-11:30, Southeast 1-2pm. North 10:30-11:30

Southwest, Southeast and North next regional meetings are: April 11 SW at 10:30 SE at 1pm April 18 ME at 10:30

Midwest regional meetings are **NEW** for the rest of 2023 --- June 13, October 12 (meeting quarterly)

Midwest Region also meets about quarterly. If you are in the Midwest region, contact Jeff Compagner jcompagner@hfhclinic.org he will gladly add you to their region list.

Assistance from FCOM:

- A) Carolyn Barr FTCA submission paperwork/questions cbarr240@comcast.net
- B) Christine Rainey Pharmacy/dispensary/medications/questions crainey@ferncare.org
- C) Ann Heler Clinic operation issues/questions admin@fcomi.org
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We have updated the Update! Please let me know what you think.