



**MAY 31, 2018**

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**CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE UPDATES**

**Below are responses from MSMS to questions posed by an NPO practice**

**Q: When a physician prescribes an opiate, they must have the patient sign the Start Talking form. Now let's say it is 3 months later and the physician is going to prescribe the opiate again - is another Start Talking form required? In other words, is it a one time form only or for each time the opiate is prescribed?**

*A: Response from MSMS: According to our discussion with LARA, they are considering a course of treatment to be the prescribing of the opioid. Therefore, the consent is to be signed when first prescribed and does not have to be signed again if a refill is written. However, if there is a change in medication prescribed, a new consent form must be signed.*

*As a side note, we would like this clarified in law or minimally in written form from LARA.*

**Q: If a prescriber refuses to run MAPS, is it only he/she that is subject to discipline or the entire practice due to billing under one tax ID number?**

*A: Regarding the second question, the prescriber is the one who is at risk. Failure to follow the law can result in licensing sanctions.*

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**JUNE 1st DEADLINE! 5 Readiness Tips**

Beginning June 1st, 2018, key changes in the law are slated to take effect that will impact the prescribing practices of Michigan's physicians and other prescribers. This includes interaction with the Michigan Automated Prescription System (MAPS). [Here](#)

[are 5 tips](#) to make sure physicians and other prescribers are compliant with the upcoming requirements.

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### **OPIOID CHECKLIST**

Protocols and checklists can be very helpful in preventing overdose and drug diversion. The below article outlines office protocols / checklists for initial and follow up assessments in the prescribing of controlled substances. [Click here for checklist](#)

### **VERIFYING CMA CREDENTIALS**

Looking for a quick tutorial on how to verify Certified Medical Assistant (CMA) credentials through the American Association of Medical Assistants (AAMA), which need to be renewed every 5 years? Mistie Atkins CMA (AAMA) has created a useful reference guide to help.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Mistie Atkins at (231) 935-8085, or [matkins@mhc.net](mailto:matkins@mhc.net)

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for a copy

### **LIFESTYLE CHANGES IN SUPPORT OF DIABETES PREVENTION**

Diabetes Prevention Program (DPP) availability continues to expand in our area. Physician support for lifestyle changes encouraged by DPP programs is key to success for participants, yet many physicians may not have sufficient tools and education to support their patients well. Below is an interactive online course identified by MSMS, which helps physicians begin conversations, increase knowledge and provide tools to support patients in process of lifestyle changes. Click [here](#) to access this course.

### **DEFINITELY WORTH A RE-READ!**

#### ***FROM THE PHARMACIST CORNER: "Cardiovascular Effects of Diabetes Meds***

With all the diabetes medications that have hit the market over the last couple years, we wanted to take a minute to review the cardiovascular benefit and harms seen with some of the specific agents.

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