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To: MSSNY Board of Trustees

From: Philip A. Schuh, CPA, MS
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Subject: **Physician Advocacy Institute Board of Directors Meeting**

On Friday morning, June 9, 2017, prior to the start of the AMA Annual Meeting, the Physician Advocacy Institute (PAI) held a Board of Directors meeting.

The Board consists of the Executive Directors/Vice Presidents from nine (9) Medical Societies: New York, California, Texas, North Carolina, South Carolina, Connecticut, Georgia, Tennessee and Nebraska.

The first order of business was a political update from the PAI lobbying firm, Capital Counsel. I have already sent you via email that slide presentation updating you on the current Washington situation. The remainder of the meeting focused on the PAI release of its "Medicare QPP Physician Education Initiative" designed to help physicians understand and navigate Medicare's Quality Payment Program.

PAI has partnered with Heathspieren, a leading Washington DC based health care consulting firm. A comprehensive array of educational tools that a physician can follow has been developed, allowing that physician to understand the best pathway for participation within the QPP.

All these materials are available on the PAI website. You can go onto MSSNY's website and directly link to those materials.

Attached find a brief description of the program from PAI along with the compendium of available resources.

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PAI Meeting @ AMA



On behalf of the Physicians Advocacy Institute (PAI), I am excited to announce the **Medicare QPP Physician Education Initiative**, designed to help physicians understand and successfully navigate Medicare's Quality Payment Program (QPP), implemented pursuant to the Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act of 2015 (MACRA).

PAI partnered with **Healthsperien**, a leading Washington DC-based health care consulting firm to deliver a comprehensive array of educational tools that can help any physician practice, regardless of its level of readiness or knowledge, assess its preparedness and determine the best approach to succeed under the MACRA QPP payment rules. I encourage you to share these resources as widely as possible with physicians in your state. There is absolutely no charge associated with these materials.

The PAI-Healthsperien team developed these resources with active input from state medical association professionals who work with local physician practices every day. Our materials respond to real-life questions posed by the physicians and physician practice staff we interact with on a regular basis, all across the nation.

The new resources are housed on the PAI's website at www.physiciansadvocacyinstitute.org and include:

- Taped webinar tutorials
- Summary and in-depth resources on all aspects of the QPP, including information on how to succeed under the MIPS and APM tracks
- A step-by-step guide for physicians who are new to the QPP
- A robust, searchable "FAQ" resource that answers physicians' questions
- Additional resources will be added in coming months.

PAI welcomes use of these materials to support medical association efforts to educate physicians and practice staff. Attached is a Compendium of Resources that details the available resources. PAI and Healthsperien will host a webinar to better familiarize medical association staff with these materials in coming weeks.

I hope you find these materials valuable. If you have any questions, please contact Kelly Kenney, PAI's Executive Vice President and CEO at k2strategiesllc@gmail.com.

Sincerely,
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Executive Vice President and CEO, North Carolina Medical Society



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THE MEDICARE QUALITY PAYMENT PROGRAM (QPP) PHYSICIAN EDUCATION INITIATIVE

**Comprehensive QPP Educational Resources
for Physicians and Medical Practice Staff**

Compendium of Resources

All resources available online at:
www.physiciansadvocacyinstitute.org

*Presented by the Physicians Advocacy Institute
in collaboration with Healthsperien Consulting*

MEDICARE QPP PHYSICIAN EDUCATION INITIATIVE

COMPENDIUM OF RESOURCES

❖ ESSENTIALS ON THE MEDICARE QPP

- QPP Overview
- Navigating the QPP Step-by-Step
- MACRA/QPP Primer Deck
- Guide to Acronyms
- Guide to Reporting Mechanisms
- How QPP Affects Medicare Part B Payments
- Diagram: Key Resources and Organizations

❖ RESOURCES TO HELP SUCCEED UNDER THE MIPS PATHWAY

- MIPS Overview
- ACI Category Hardship/Reweightings
- Transition Year - ACI Category
- Transition Year – Quality Category
- Transition Year – Improvement Activities Category
- MIPS Scoring Overview
- Practice Assessment for MIPS Reporting Options

❖ NAVIGATING THE ADVANCED APM PATHWAY

- Advanced APM Overview
- Next Gen Overview
- MSSP Track ACOs Overview
- CPC+ Overview
- Oncology Care Model Overview
- Side-by-Side Comparison of APMs
- APM Building Blocks

❖ VIDEO LIBRARY – Recorded Webinars

- Tutorial 1: MACRA at 30000 ft.
- Tutorial 2: Quality and Cost
- Tutorial 3: ACI and Improvement Activities
- Tutorial 4: Advanced APMs
- Tutorial 5: MIPS APMs

- ❖ **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS** (searchable answers to common questions from physicians across the nation)