

MSMA Conflict of Interest Policy

This Conflict of Interest Policy of the Missouri State Medical Association:

- (1) defines conflicts of interest;
- (2) identifies classes of individuals within the Association covered by this policy;
- (3) facilitates disclosure of information that may help identify conflicts of interest, and;
- (4) specifies procedures to be followed in managing conflicts of interest.

1. **Definition of Conflicts of Interest.** A conflict of interest arises when a person in a position of authority over the Association may benefit financially from a decision he or she could make in that capacity, including indirect benefits such as to family members or businesses with which the person is closely associated. This policy is focused upon material financial interest of, or benefit to, such persons.
2. **Individuals Covered.** Persons covered by this policy are the Association's Officers, Councilors, Vice-Councilors, Delegates, Executive Vice President, Finance Manager, and other key employees.
3. **Facilitation of Disclosure.** Persons covered by this policy will annually disclose or update to the Conflict of Interest Committee, on a form provided by the Association, their interests that could give rise to conflicts of interest. The form may include such information as substantial business or investment holdings, transactions and affiliations with businesses and/or other associations, and potential conflicts of family members of covered individuals. In addition, such persons shall disclose such previously reported and any as yet unreported conflicts prior to participation in discussions or decisions on issues involving such conflict of interest.
4. **Procedures to Manage Conflicts.** For each interest disclosed to the Conflict of Interest Committee, the Committee will determine whether to:
 - (a) take no action;
 - (b) assure full disclosure to the Council and other individuals covered by this policy;
 - (c) ask the person to withhold from participation in related decisions within the Association.

The Association's Executive Vice President will monitor proposed or ongoing transactions for conflicts of interest and disclose them to the Council Chairman in order to deal with potential or actual conflicts, whether discovered before or after the transaction has occurred.

MSMA Council
January 27, 2024
via video conference
10:00 a.m.

AGENDA

1. Housekeeping and Roll Call
2. Approval of the minutes of the October 15, 2023, meeting
3. Remarks of the President – Lancer Gates, DO
4. Report of the Executive Committee – Lancer Gates, DO
5. Report of the Executive Vice President – Jeff Howell
6. Report of the Committee on Legislative Affairs – Ravi Johar, MD
7. Report of the Physicians Health Program – John Cascone, MD
8. Consent Calendar:
 - a. Report of the Commission on Continuing Education
 - b. Actions and Recommendations on Resolutions from the 2023 Annual Meeting
 - c. Report of the Publications Committee and Editorial Board
9. Report of the MSMA Alliance – Sana Saleh
10. Reports of Councilors
11. Prerogatives of the Chair

MSMA COUNCIL
Courtyard by Marriott-Jefferson City
October 15, 2023
8:00 a.m.

Presiding: Brian Biggers, MD, Springfield – Chair

Present: Lancer Gates, DO, Kansas City; David Pohl, MD, St. Louis; Elie Azrak, MD, St. Louis; George Hubbell, MD, New Bloomfield; James DiRenna, Jr., DO, Kansas City; Kevin Weikart, MD, Lake St. Louis; Chakshu Gupta, MD, St. Joseph; Hossein Behniaye, MD, Hannibal; Inderjit Singh, MD, St. Louis; Lisa Thomas, MD, Lake Ozark; Amy Zguta, MD, Columbia; Betty Drees, MD, Kansas City; Joanne Loethen, MD, Kansas City; David Kuhlmann, MD, Sedalia; Rachel Kylo, MD, St. Louis; Adriana Canas-Polesel, MD, St. Louis; Rachana Raghupathy, MD, St. Louis; Jay Devineni, University of Missouri; Barbara White, DO, Lake St. Louis; Keith Ratcliff, MD, Washington; Jennifer Powell, MD, Osage Beach; Sarah Florio, MD, Lee's Summit; Kelly Schmidt, MD, Columbia; Julia Dmowska, MO, Columbia; Lacey Raper, University of Missouri; Edmond Cabbabe, MD, St. Louis; Joseph Corrado, MD, Mexico; Peggy Barjenbruch, MD, Mexico; Charles Van Way III, MD, Fairway, KS; George Hruza, MD, Chesterfield; Ravi Johar, MD, Chesterfield; Charlie Adams, Kansas City University; MSMA Alliance – Mrs. Sana Saleh, Mission Hills, KS; Mrs. Donna Corrado, Mexico; Guests – David Barbe, MD, Mountain Grove; Ronnie Staggs, MSMA Insurance Agency; MSMA Staff – Jeff Howell, Benita Stennis, Liz Fleenor, Rachel Bauer, Jacob Scott and Cheri Martin, Jefferson City.

Approval of Minutes – On motion, duly seconded, the minutes of the July 16, 2023, meeting were approved.

Remarks of the President – Lancer Gates, DO, offered a recap of his activities as MSMA President. Fireside Chats have continued, and all are encouraged to join the upcoming session that features an update on PDMP. He attended a meeting at North Kansas City Hospital with Missouri Physicians Health Program in response to recent physician suicides; over 100 physicians attended. His recent article in Missouri Medicine, “MSMA – Your Oxygen Mask,” addresses the issue of physician burnout.

Dr. Gates will attend the Physician Wellness Seminar to be held October 20-22 at Margaritaville Lake Resort. On October 26, he will attend a networking event hosted by the Kansas City Medical Society and will attend KCMS' annual meeting on November 2. He is happy to attend any meetings or events of local societies.

MSMA lobbyists have been traveling throughout the state to visit legislators in their home districts. The Doctor of the Day program will be reinstated at the Capitol; all are encouraged to sign up. Mark your calendars for the Physician Advocacy Day on March 5, 2024.

Dr. Gates reminded the group that MSMA is offering MATE training to satisfy the requirements for DEA licensure, as well as CME provided through the VOC which is being offered in collaboration with MAOPS.

He reported a slight decrease in membership numbers and emphasized that peer-to-peer recruitment is most effective. Please contact MSMA staff to obtain informational cards for new members to join MSMA.

The Organized Medical Staff Section has discussed Save Haven, which assists physicians who are receiving needed help in their license renewal.

Dr. Gates reported that the Executive Committee had discussed ways to involve MSMA's retired physicians more in the organization, and described the John Lock Society, Kansas City Medical Society's group for engagement of its retired members.

Report of the Executive Committee – Dr. Gates reported that the Committee had met the previous day and heard several reports. They reviewed potential properties for the 2026 Annual Convention and approved the staff recommendation of the DoubleTree Chesterfield as the venue for the 2026 and 2028 conventions. The Council approved the Committee's recommendation to enter into a contract with the DoubleTree Chesterfield for the 2026 and 2028 Annual Convention.

Dr. Gates reviewed membership numbers, seeing a slight increase over last year. Summer Special and zero-dues memberships count for much of that increase. Dues revenue lags behind for this reason, as well as the reduced dues for first-year and new-to-Missouri physicians.

The Executive Committee recommends that Jeff Howell, the MSMA EVP, be given the ability to enter into a co-management agreement with Acrisure on behalf of the MSMA Insurance Agency. The Council voted to approve this action.

The Executive Committee recommends that the Council Chair be given the authority to appoint a committee to serve with a like committee from the Missouri Association of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons to discuss strategic partnerships, with an emphasis on advocacy. The Council voted to approve this action.

The Committee heard a report on the pension plan, which freezes at the end of next year. MSMA staff has begun the process of winding things up and this will take approximately eighteen months to complete. Staff have also begun looking for a new pension plan to begin in 2025.

On motion, the report of the Executive Committee was approved.

Report of the Budget and Finance Committee – Elie Azrak, MD, reported that the Committee had met virtually on October 3, and again in-person on October 14. They reviewed year-to-date financials and a proposed 2024 budget, which is placed before the Council for approval.

Dr. Azrak offered an overview of financials, stating that MSMA is in line with expenses and the cash position is strong, although still reliant upon investment income. He offered a detailed review of revenues and expenses, which were included in the meeting materials.

The Committee recommends that the Council approve the 2024 proposed budget. Following discussion, the Council approved the budget.

Dr. Azrak reported that the Committee had met with investment advisors from Moneta and reviewed the Association's investments. They also reviewed pension investments. The Committee approved and recommends the following investment allocation levels for MSMA reserves: 70% equities, 25% fixed and 5% alternatives (unchanged from 2023). The Committee also approved and recommends the following allocations for the pension: 100% fixed income. This reflects a change from 2023 (53% equities, 40% fixed and 7% alternatives), and is due to the upcoming freezing of the pension plan in late 2024. The Council voted to

maintain the current investment allocation levels for MSMA and HEF reserves, and to change the investment allocation for the pension reserves to 100% fixed.

On motion, the report of the Budget and Finance Committee was approved.

Report of the Executive Vice President – Jeff Howell thanked everyone who attended the previous evening’s MMPAC fundraiser dinner for Senator Karla Eslinger.

He invited all to introduce themselves to MSMA’s two new lobbyists, Rachel Bauer and Jacob Scott.

The Committee on Governance, which was called for at the 2023 House of Delegates, will convene in late November. The Committee will look at ways to modernize MSMA’s governance structure, streamlining the sections, committees and the House of Delegates to increase member engagement in policy activities.

Mr. Howell is looking at replacement plans for the current pension, whose liabilities will terminate completely sometime in 2025. A retirement program for current employees will need to be in place by January 1, 2025.

He reported that staff have secured several sponsorships for next year’s annual convention, more than we have ever had before. He encouraged the group to reach out to any potential sponsors they may have contact with.

He encouraged members to utilize the membership recruitment business cards that were provided to them.

Consent Calendar – The following reports were made available to members electronically:

- Report of the Commission on Continuing Education
- Actions and Recommendations from the 2023 Annual Meeting
- Report of the MSMA Insurance Agency
- Report of the MSMA Delegation to the AMA
- Report of the Missouri Physicians Health Program

On motion, duly seconded, the Consent Calendar was approved.

Report of the Public Health Commission – Dr. Biggers presented the report for Council approval. The motion to approve passed.

Report of the Committee on Legislative Affairs – Ravi Johar, MD, reported that the Committee had met the previous day with the two new lobbyists. The Committee discussed legislative strategies for next year and heard a presentation on the results of the 2024 Legislative Survey. They also discussed the updated Doctor of the Day program, which will offer volunteers the opportunity to visit with legislators in an advocacy capacity, without the medical service aspect of the old program.

The Committee had a “crystal ball” discussion of anticipated legislative items for the upcoming session and received an Executive Branch update.

The Committee discussed two resolutions that were referred from the House of Delegates. Regarding Resolution 8 – Firearms Safety, the Committee recommends that the following amended resolution be adopted:

“RESOLVED, that our Missouri State Medical Association support legislation for a universal background check requirement to purchase firearms, and support firearms safety education.”

On motion, duly seconded, the Committee’s recommendation to adopt an amended Resolution 8 was approved.

The Committee also discussed Resolution 2 - Access to Puberty-Suppressing Hormone Blockers for Transgender and Gender Diverse Youth and recommends that the resolution not be adopted. There was lengthy discussion among the group. On motion, duly seconded, the question was called. A voice vote on the Committee’s recommendation was not conclusive and a roll vote ensued. By roll-call vote, the Council approved the Committee’s recommendation to not adopt Resolution 2.

On motion, the report of the Legislative Committee was approved.

Report of the MSMA Alliance – Mrs. Sana Saleh offered highlights from the Report of the MSMA Alliance that was included in the meeting materials and announced that the Alliance would be celebrating its 100th anniversary in April 2024. The MSMA Alliance continues to support Cape Girardeau in its efforts to re-establish its area Alliance. The Executive Board voted unanimously to rename an annual award from the “Jean E. Duensing Literary Award” to the “Lizabeth Starnes Fleenor Literary Award” to honor the 30 years of service that Mrs. Lizabeth Fleenor has been the MSMA Director of Communications and also the 24 years she has served as the MSMA Alliance Liaison.

Reports of Councilors

District 1 – Chakshu Gupta, MD, reported that the Buchanan County Medical Society has been meeting monthly to share lectures on medical topics with members. They have also instituted several scholarships for medical student and medical lab technologists. BCMS has provided its Alliance with a donation to support anti-bullying activities for school children. Dr. Gupta informed the group of a text resource for physicians who are experiencing burnout and need help: Text “SCRUBS” to 741741.

District 2 – Hossein Behniaye, MD, reported that District 2 continues distributing scholarships to the local university nursing program. As president, Dr. Behniaye has been able to increase the amount of scholarships twice and has attended the graduation ceremonies. Hannibal Regional Hospital will open its cardio-thoracic open-heart surgery center, and has secured equipment and hired staff. Michael Bukstein, MD, has retired and was honored recently. Dr. Behniaye announced that Hannibal will be offering internal medicine residencies.

District 3 – Inderjit Singh, MD, thanked Dr. Gates, Rachel Bauer and Jacob Scott for joining in St. Louis Metropolitan Medical Society’s annual Legislative update on September 27. SLMMS hosted a virtual Public Health Forum with a guest presentation from the Director of the St. Louis County Health Department, Kanika Cunningham, MD, and the Director of Health for the City of St. Louis, Mati Davis, MD.

Nathaniel Murdock, MD, has been honored by Washington University School of Medicine for his career achievements during its 27th Annual Homer G. Phillips Public Health Lecture.

David Nowak, SLMMS Executive Vice President, has announced his upcoming retirement in February 2024. The Society has decided to pursue an association management company to provide executive director services upon his retirement, and has issued a Request for Proposal with responses due from potential firms this month. They hope to have a firm on board by the end of the year to allow adequate transition time.

District 4 – Kevin Weikart, MD, reported that St. Charles-Lincoln County Medical Society will have a meeting October 24 at Ruth’s Criss Steak House, and another at St. Joseph Health Center in St. Charles on December 5.

District 5 – Amy Zguta, MD, reported that Audrain County will be re-opening its hospital in December. Boone Hospital has a new CEO, who will start in November. MU has formed a new strategic relationship with Northeast Medical Center in Kirksville and Moberly. Boone County Medical Society had an in-person meeting on October 3, a roundtable featuring legislative presentations, which was well-attended. Lisa Thomas, MD, added her appreciation for being included in the BCMS roundtable, and reported that the Lake area is thriving and welcomed all to come visit.

District 7 – Betty Drees, MD, reported that Kansas City Medical Society will have a network gathering on October 26, and its annual meeting on November 2. These in-person gatherings are important for the vitality of membership. The Wellness Committee continues to work on the opioid crisis, partnering with an organized student group associated with the Northland on educational materials for student on fentanyl, as well as Narcan use. There has been state funding to break ground on a new psychiatric facility in Kansas City to address mental health needs.

District 8 – David Kuhlmann, MD, reported that District 8 had joined an accountable care organization and has received its first shared savings this year from Medicare. Dr. Biggers reported that Greene County Medical Society has been very active with CME activity and discussions on medical school expansion. Cox Hospital has increased physician leadership.

Women Physicians Section – Adriana Canas-Polesel, MD, reported the Section has met and is working on a newsletter for women members. A survey will be issued to identify topics that members would like to see the WPS address, and everyone is encouraged to join in the virtual meeting that will be held some time in November.

Resident and Fellow Section – Rachana Raghupathy, MD, reported that the RFS has been working on recruitment of members, as well as retention and engagement. Leadership members have been designated to spearhead various endeavors, including a residency and beyond lecture, a year-end review newsletter and quarterly newsletters. They are also coordinating with Medical Student Section to have an in-person mixer for networking.

Medical Student Section – Jay Devineni, University of Missouri-Columbia, reported that several students had attended the previous day’s advocacy workshop, as well as the Boone County legislator Q&A. They are planning a combination resolution-writing/advocacy direct testimony workshop in early January, to encourage people to write strong, robust resolutions. They are also trying to pair students with physicians for the vetting of resolutions and welcome any physician who would be willing to serve as student mentor. He thanked everyone for the lively discussion around Resolution 2.

Prerogatives of the Chair – Dr. Biggers welcomed Dr. Azrak, who reported that the AMA Delegation is preparing to attend the interim meeting in Maryland in November. Charles Van Way, MD, will once again compile and edit the report of the AMA’s proceedings for the group.

Dr. Azrak commended the quality of the previous day's advocacy workshop and emphasized the importance of financial support for political action. He encouraged everyone to contribute to the Missouri Medical PAC. He also serves on the Board of the AMA political action committee, which supports federal congressional campaigns of physician-friendly members of Congress. He called on current AMA members to support the PAC and encouraged non-members to join.

Edmond Cabbabe, MD, outlined the representation and positions held by members of Missouri's delegation in the AMA. Missouri and Kansas are now the only states in the Heart of America Caucus.

Dr. Cabbabe reported that he has presented a resolution twice to have the AMA Board study the Assistant Physician issue and guide us toward a solution, but the proposition was killed. He shared his concerns about the effects of legislation being considered in other states that would allow international medical graduates to work with a licensed physician for two years as an alternative to residency. Missouri law currently limits the number of years an assistant physician can collaborate with a licensed physician, and this could result in assistant physicians moving to other states where they can obtain full licensure without residency.

Dr. Biggers thanked everyone for coming, and commended the spirited discussion around issues where there is diversity of opinion.

Adjournment – On motion, duly seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 9:19 a.m.

Next Council Meeting - The next meeting will be held January 27, 2024, virtually via Zoom.

January 17, 2024

The Honorable Mike Johnson
Speaker
United States House of Representatives
H-232, The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Charles Schumer
Majority Leader
United States Senate
S-221, The Capitol
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Republican Leader
United States Senate
S-230, The Capitol
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Hakeem Jeffries
Minority Leader
United States House of Representatives
H-204, The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Speaker Johnson, Leader Schumer, Leader McConnell, and Leader Jeffries:

The undersigned national medical organizations and state medical societies write to strongly urge Congress to quickly pass legislation to reverse the 3.37 percent Medicare physician payment cuts that took effect on January 1, 2024.

Failure to reverse these cuts will be harmful to the continued viability of physician practices and their ability to care for patients. After three consecutive years of cuts to Medicare services, physicians are at a potential breaking point. Facing a nearly 10 percent reduction in Medicare payments over the past four years and rising practice costs on top of the burdens and burnout associated with the pandemic, some practices are already limiting the number of Medicare patients they treat. We anticipate these cuts will be felt hardest by small, independent practices, like those in rural and underserved areas that continue to face significant health care access challenges. Continuing down this path is simply unsustainable.

We appreciate efforts by members of the House and Senate to preserve Medicare patients' access to physician services through introduced legislation that stops these impending cuts, hearings on the flawed Medicare payment system, and Dear Colleague letters urging Congress expeditiously pass bills halting the reductions. We call on Congress to eliminate these cuts in full by increasing the Medicare Physician Fee Schedule Conversion Factor retroactive to January 1, 2024, by the appropriations deadline. This is our top legislative priority. Physicians are the only Medicare providers that did not receive an inflation update this year. In fact, they are the only Medicare providers who have a payment cut in 2024.

Medicare payment updates are scheduled for all providers in 2024 EXCEPT physicians.

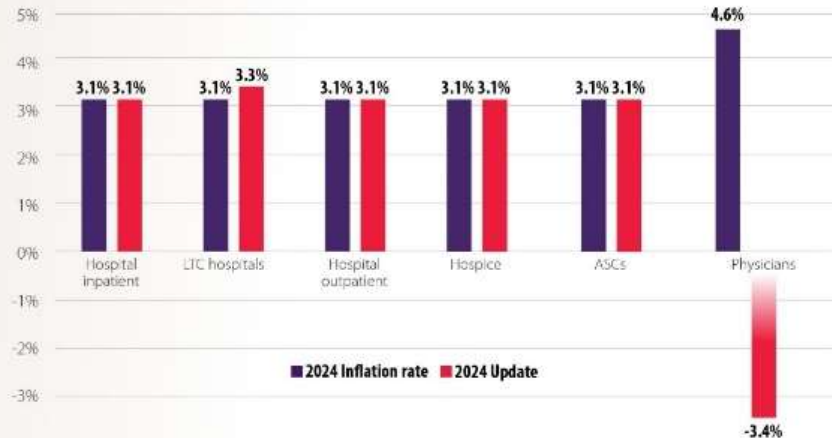
Medicare provider updates for 2024

Note:

Hospital inpatient, LTC hospitals, hospice, hospital outpatient and ASC inflation rates reflect market basket less a productivity adjustment.

Physician fee schedule inflation rate is the Medicare Economic Index, which has a productivity adjustment.

Potential adjustments for quality performance omitted for all provider types.



Updated Dec. 2023

We need to fix Medicare physician payment NOW.

The FY2024 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) included an extension of the Medicare sequester that added \$2.2 billion to the Medicare Improvement Fund – more than enough to offset stopping the 3.37 percent physician payment cuts in their entirety without adding to the federal deficit. Setting aside a portion of a Medicare Improvement Fund expansion that is partly financed by future cuts to Medicare physician payments is fair and precedented.

Nearly 200 Members recently wrote¹ Congressional leadership asking for the cuts to be stopped. We urge lawmakers to heed this call by working together and acting quickly to preserve access to care in the Medicare program. Anything less than full relief from the cuts negatively impacts our nation’s seniors. The physicians and the Medicare patients they treat deserve better.

Sincerely,

American Medical Association
AMDA—The Society for Post-Acute and Long-Term Care Medicine
American Academy of Allergy, Asthma & Immunology
American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry
American Academy of Emergency Medicine
American Academy of Facial Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery
American Academy of Family Physicians

¹ <https://www.ama-assn.org/system/files/2023-12-13-dear-colleague-medicare-payment-cuts-letter-au.pdf>

American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine
American Academy of Neurology
American Academy of Ophthalmology
American Academy of Otolaryngic Allergy
American Academy of Otolaryngology–Head and Neck Surgery
American Academy of Pain Medicine
American Academy of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation
American Association of Hip and Knee Surgeons
American Association of Neurological Surgeons
American Association of Neuromuscular & Electromyography Diagnostic Medicine
American Clinical Neurophysiology Society
American College of Allergy, Asthma & Immunology
American College of Cardiology
American College of Chest Physicians
American College of Emergency Physicians
American College of Gastroenterology
American College of Lifestyle Medicine
American College of Medical Genetics and Genomics
American College of Mohs Surgery
American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists
American College of Physicians
American College of Radiation Oncology
American College of Radiology
American College of Rheumatology
American College of Surgeons
American Gastroenterological Association
American Geriatrics Society
American Medical Group Association
American Medical Women's Association
American Orthopaedic Foot & Ankle Society
American Psychiatric Association
American Society for Clinical Pathology
American Society for Dermatologic Surgery Association
American Society for Gastrointestinal Endoscopy
American Society for Laser Medicine & Surgery, Inc.
American Society for Radiation Oncology
American Society of Addiction Medicine
American Society of Anesthesiologists
American Society of Cataract & Refractive Surgery
American Society of Colon & Rectal Surgeons
American Society of Hematology
American Society of Nephrology
American Society of Nuclear Cardiology

American Society of Plastic Surgeons
American Society of Retina Specialists
American Society of Transplant Surgeons
American Thoracic Society
American Urogynecologic Society
American Urological Association
American Vein & Lymphatic Society
American Venous Forum
Association for Clinical Oncology
College of American Pathologists
Congress of Neurological Surgeons
Endocrine Society
Heart Rhythm Society
International Pain and Spine Intervention Society
Medical Group Management Association
National Association of Spine Specialists
North American Neuromodulation Society
Outpatient Endovascular and Interventional Society
Renal Physicians Association
Society for Vascular Surgery
Society of American Gastrointestinal and Endoscopic Surgeons (SAGES)
Society of Cardiovascular Computed Tomography
Society of Critical Care Medicine
Society of Hospital Medicine
Society of Interventional Radiology
The American Society of Breast Surgeons
The American Society of Dermatopathology
The Society of Thoracic Surgeons

Medical Association of the State of Alabama
Alaska State Medical Association
Arizona Medical Association
Arkansas Medical Society
California Medical Association
Colorado Medical Society
Connecticut State Medical Society
Medical Society of Delaware
Medical Society of the District of Columbia
Florida Medical Association
Medical Association of Georgia
Hawaii Medical Association
Idaho Medical Association
Illinois State Medical Society

Indiana State Medical Association
Iowa Medical Society
Kansas Medical Society
Kentucky Medical Association
Louisiana State Medical Society
Maine Medical Association
MedChi, The Maryland State Medical Society
Massachusetts Medical Society
Michigan State Medical Society
Minnesota Medical Association
Mississippi State Medical Association
Missouri State Medical Association
Montana Medical Association
Nebraska Medical Association
Nevada State Medical Association
New Hampshire Medical Society
Medical Society of New Jersey
New Mexico Medical Society
Medical Society of the State of New York
North Carolina Medical Society
North Dakota Medical Association
Ohio State Medical Association
Oklahoma State Medical Association
Oregon Medical Association
Pennsylvania Medical Society
Rhode Island Medical Society
South Carolina Medical Association
South Dakota State Medical Association
Tennessee Medical Association
Texas Medical Association
Utah Medical Association
Vermont Medical Society
Medical Society of Virginia
Washington State Medical Association
West Virginia State Medical Association
Wisconsin Medical Society
Wyoming Medical Society

**MSMA COUNCIL REPORT
Physicians Health Foundation**

Year End 2023



October 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023

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Supplementary-Revenue Information

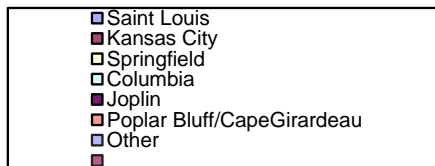
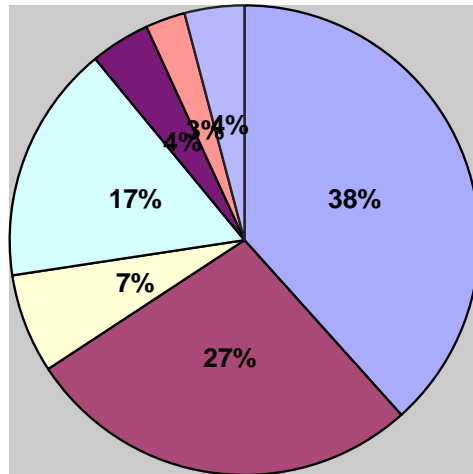
Year End 2023 – December 31, 2023

	Annual Budget	YTD 2023
Contributions	\$349,000	\$295,106.3
Participant Fees	<u>\$217,000</u>	<u>\$156,677.5</u>
<i>Total Revenue</i>	\$566,000	\$451,783.8

Current Geographic Distribution

Saint Louis	28
Kansas City	20
Springfield	5
Columbia	12
Joplin	3
Poplar Bluff/Cape Girardeau	2
Other	3

Total 73



2023 Participants

2023 New Participants	23
Participants Released	
Successful Completion	18
Administrative Release	7
Deceased	0

TYPE OF CONTRACT

Recovery	61
Mental Health	10
Mental Health/Recovery	2
Referrals for this quarter	12
Total for year	40
Potential participants in treatment or in process of agreement with MPHP	3

Specialties (current participants)

Anesthesiology	7
Cardiology	3
Cardiothoracic Surgery	1
Dermatologist	0
Emergency Medicine	4
Family Practice	9
Hospitalist	2
Internal Medicine	10
Medical Students	5
Orthopedics	4
Neurosurgery/Neurology	1
OB/GYN	3
Oncology	4
Optometry with MD	0
Otolaryngology/Otology	0
Pathology	0
Pediatrics/neonatal/oncol	4
Pathology	1
Pain management	0
Psychiatry	1
Pulmonary Critical Care	1
Radiology	2
Residents	4
Rheumatology	0
Surgery	6
Urology	1

Total 73

Actions of the Commission on Continuing Education Actions from the December 12, 2023, Virtual Meeting

Attendees:

Hamsa Subramanian, MD, Douglas Wallace, MD, and Benita Stennis, MSMA Staff

Commission Roster

Commission members were given a current member roster and encouraged to contact staff with updates.

Annual Convention 2024 Planning:

Save-the-Date

The MSMA's 2024 Annual Convention will be held at the Renaissance St. Louis Airport Hotel, April 5-7, 2024. Staff shared the General Session flyer and the Annual Convention preliminary schedule with Commission members.

Staff asked for volunteers to conduct peer review of the General Session PowerPoint presentations:

1. Injections vs. Scalpels or Continuum of Care? Updates in Obesity Treatment-Dr. Subramanian
2. Managing Mental Health Disorders-Dr. Wallace
3. Artificial Intelligence-Peer Reviewer Needed
4. Physician Employment Issues-Peer Reviewer Needed

2023 Annual Maintenance Fee/2024 Annual Report:

MSMA accredited providers received the Annual Report/Annual Maintenance Fee notification letter the first week of October. MSMA staff worked with the ACCME who directly invoiced and collected their Annual Maintenance fee (based on its tiered fee structure) from MSMA accredited providers. The ACCME sent its notification the following week.

2024 Re-accreditation Schedule:

Commission members received the list of facilities due for re-accreditation. Staff asked members to email staff with their facility selection.

Accreditation Decision Rendered Via Electronic Vote:

The Commission rendered an accreditation decision for St. Louis STD/HIV Prevention Training Center on November 8, 2023. The provider received accreditation with a progress report due in one year.

Provider Relinquishing Accreditation:

Staff shared correspondence regarding Capital Region Medical Center's (Jefferson City) decision to withdraw from MSMA accreditation on December 31, 2023. The facility will be integrating with MU Health Care on 1/1/24 and MU Health Care will be the facility's CME provider. As of January 1, 2024, the MSMA will have sixteen accredited providers.

Virtual Accreditation Interview:

The Commission began hosting virtual accreditation interviews in 2023. Commission members reviewed the evaluation summary of the virtual accreditation interviews for 2023. The reviews were favorable for the virtual format and surveyors were commended for being familiar with the accreditation materials and displaying professionalism.

ACCME SMS Training:

The ACCME SMS Meeting was held November 30-December 1, 2023, in Chicago, IL. Benita Stennis, MSMA staff, and Dr. Douglas Wallace attended the meeting. Attendees participated in professional development activities, discussed enhancing provider support and education, received updates regarding maintaining provider data in PARS, and reviewed data as it related to equivalency in decision-making and compliance with the markers of equivalency.

Future Conference Call Dates @ 5:30

Tuesday, March 12, 2024

Tuesday, June 11, 2024

Tuesday, September 10, 2024

Tuesday, December 10, 2024

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned.

2023

Actions on Resolutions from the Annual Meeting

RES #	SUBJECT	HOUSE ACTION	RECOMMENDED COUNCIL ACTION	CURRENT STATUS
1	Access to Gender-Affirming Surgery and Hormone Replacement Therapy for Transgender and Gender-Diverse Individuals	Substitute resolution adopted		
2	Access to Puberty-Suppressing Hormone Blockers for Transgender and Gender-Diverse Youth	Resolution not adopted		
3	Allowing Transgender and Gender-Diverse Individuals to Change Their Gender marker on Birth Certificates	Resolution not adopted		
4	Dobbs - EMTALA Medical Emergency	Substitute resolution adopted		
5	Dobbs - Liability Insurance Exceptions for Certain Criminal Conduct	Amended resolution adopted		
6	Dobbs - Medical Staff Privileges Protections for Certain Criminal Conduct	Amended resolution adopted		
7	Support Access to Evidence-Based Reproductive Healthcare	Substitute resolution adopted		
8	Firearms Safety and Violence Prevention	Amended resolution adopted		
9	Opposing Bans on Medical School DEI Requirements	Amended resolution adopted		
10	MSMA Human Rights/Discrimination Policy	Resolution not adopted		
11	Waiver of Network Considerations in Emergencies	Substitute resolution adopted		
12	Pelvic Exams for Anesthetized Patients	Resolution not adopted		
13	Price Caps for Drugs Developed Utilizing State Grants	Resolution not adopted		
14	Support for the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact	Resolution adopted		
15	Elected Officials on MSMA Executive Committee	Resolution not adopted		
16	Council Parliamentarian	Resolution not adopted		
17	Support for State GME Funding	Resolution adopted		
18	Texting-and-Driving	Substitute resolution adopted		
19	Resolutions	Resolution adopted		
20	Council Representation	Resolution adopted		
21	Commendation for Rep. Jon Patterson, MD	Resolution adopted		
22	Resolutions by Medical Students	Resolution not adopted		

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Report of The MSMA Alliance to The Council

January 27, 2024

- Since my last report in October 2023, the MSMA Alliance launched its annual Holiday Sharing Card in November for 2023. The total amount raised to date is \$5925.
- On December 6, I attended the Buchanan Medical Society's Annual Holiday Meeting at the Benton Club. Mr. Jacob Scott of the MSMA office presented the group of the latest bills and the importance of participation on Physician Advocacy Day on March 5. Also, present were Dr. and Mrs. Lancer Gates, MSMA President, who also briefed Buchanan County's physicians and spouses on the current state of medicine and the priorities as well as challenges that face doctors. The evening was enriched by a lecture provided by Dr. Robert Corder, who gave a lecture on the St. Joseph Native American Art collection that was privately purchased in the 1920s by a private collector and currently on exhibit in a museum for the public in St. Joseph.
- The Kansas City Metro Med Alliance held its Annual Holiday Luncheon at "Trezo Mare" in North Kansas City with a boutique sale organized by Mrs. Lissa Young to raise money for Rose Brooks shelter. The luncheon was well attended with members from Buchanan, Kansas City Metro Medical Alliance, and friends of Alliance members.
- The St. Louis Metropolitan Medical Society Alliance held its Annual Holiday Luncheon on December 17, 2023, at the home of Mrs. Sue Ann Greco.
- Greene County Alliance held Its Annual Holiday Luncheon at the home of Mrs. Barbara Hover.
- The MSMA president and his spouse and myself and my spouse are planning a trip to visit Cape Girardeau on March 22 with a joint meeting of both the medical society and Alliance.

**Respectfully Submitted,
Sana Saleh**

FUTURE COUNCIL MEETINGS

Date	Location
January 27, 2024	Virtual via Zoom
April 7, 2024	Renaissance St. Louis Airport Hotel
July 13-14, 2024	Courtyard by Marriott - Jefferson City
October 12-13, 2024	Courtyard by Marriott - Jefferson City
January 25, 2025	Virtual via Zoom
April 6, 2025	University Plaza Hotel, Springfield

FUTURE ANNUAL CONVENTION DATES

April 5 - April 7, 2024	Renaissance St. Louis Airport Hotel
April 4 - April 6, 2025	University Plaza Hotel, Springfield
April 10 - 12, 2026	DoubleTree by Hilton Chesterfield
March 31 - April 2, 2028	DoubleTree by Hilton Chesterfield

Please reply promptly when you receive meeting notices. If we are meeting in person, please indicate your hotel room preference and how many meals we should plan for. If your plans change and you cannot attend, please let us know so that we can adjust our numbers to avoid unnecessary charges.

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