

## It's Premium Savings Time! Check Your ISMIE Risk Rewards Discount Eligibility Today

December is a busy month, but it's also the best time to confirm the premium discount you've earned throughout 2016. You have until midnight, Dec. 31 to finish up all qualifying 2016 Managing Risk coursework to receive a Risk Rewards discount of up to 15%.

Check your discount transcript by logging on to your account at **ISMIE.com**.

### Need help with Managing Risk questions? Here's your "Cheat Sheet"

**Our offices will close at noon on Friday, December 9, and will be closed all day on Monday, December 26 and Saturday, December 31. Live support will be available during regular business hours on December 30.**

### Password/Web Assistance:

Call 888-476-7776 or email [onlinehelp@ismie.com](mailto:onlinehelp@ismie.com). After business hours, self-administration of password and login assistance is available on ISMIE's website.

Questions for our Managing Risk team? Call the Risk Management division at 800-782-4767 or email [riskmanagement@ismie.com](mailto:riskmanagement@ismie.com).



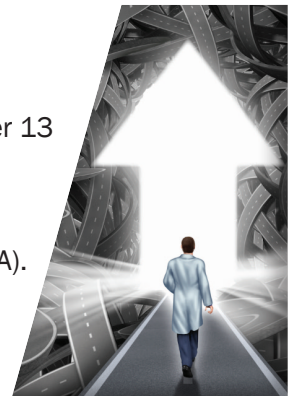
## Remind Patients that Family Members Can Finalize Advance Directive Paperwork at the Holidays

If your patients are visiting or hosting adult family members this holiday season, it's not a bad idea to remind them to do their advance directive planning while everyone is under one roof. Remember that ISMIE.com has a suite of risk management resources to help you answer patient questions and the Illinois State Medical Society makes the patient brochure "**A Personal Decision**" available as a free download at [www.ISMS.org/APD](http://www.ISMS.org/APD).

## Knowing MACRA Rules in '17 Can Help Avoid Penalties in '19: An ISMIE/ISMS Live Webinar Event Dec. 13

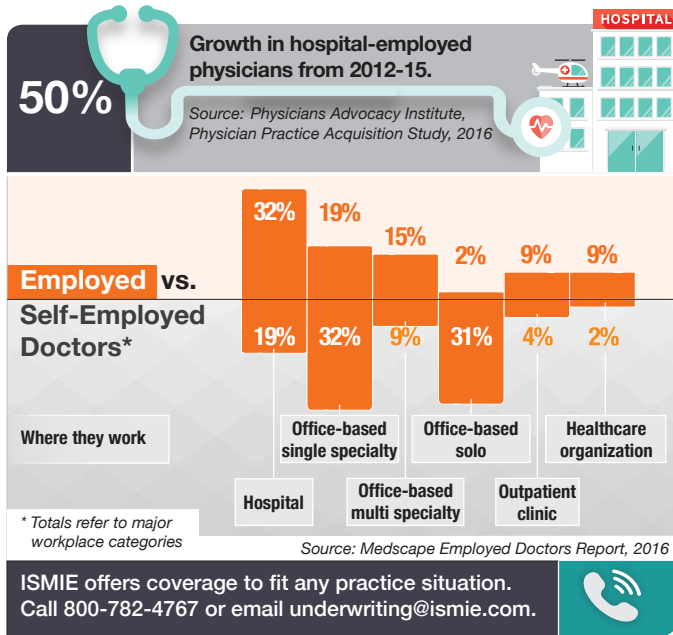
ISMIE and the Illinois State Medical Society are hosting a free webinar from noon – 1 p.m. on December 13 for policyholders, members and staff titled **MACRA Rules in 2017: What You Need to Do to Avoid a Penalty in 2019**.

Next year is a key implementation period for the Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act (MACRA). This latest live session on the topic will feature ISMS' MACRA experts and focus on overall practice readiness and avoiding potential problems. Register by calling 800-782-4767, ext. 1634 or by accessing our online registration form at [www.ismie.com/macra17](http://www.ismie.com/macra17).



## Help Wanted: How Physician Careers are Changing

Physician employment is rising but private practice certainly hasn't lost its allure. **Where the national numbers are today.**



## You've Just Been Subpoenaed for PHI. What Should You Do?



All physicians and health professionals have to comply with all validly issued subpoenas for protected health information (PHI) **that are accompanied by a qualified protective order.** If your standard procedure has been to request a written release from the patient in question before fulfilling the requirements in that specific situation – DON'T. ISMIE advises you to eliminate that step as it isn't required by HIPAA.

However, note that if you receive a labeled grand jury subpoena, you must comply – no protective order or authorization is required.

If you'd like to review your practice and personal procedures for dealing with subpoenas, ISMIE offers a risk management resource titled "Subpoenas" at **ISMIE.com**. If in doubt, contact your legal representative.

**Special Advisory: The Cook County Circuit Court recently posted an alert indicating that failure to comply with requests for PHI under a qualified protective order could result in sanction.**

## 2017 Annual Meeting and Elections

ISMIE Mutual Insurance Company will hold its next annual meeting in April 2017. At that time a majority of ISMIE policyholders, represented at the annual meeting in person or by proxy, will elect fellow policyholders to positions on the ISMIE Mutual Board of Directors.

An ISMIE Mutual policyholder interested in being considered for the ISMIE Mutual board should immediately contact our Chief Administrative Officer to be advised of the 2017 nomination criteria and deadlines. Call 312-580-2493 or 800-782-4767 ext. 2493, or send an email to **ckoos@ismie.com**.