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For Information on Medical Records Retention and Fees, Check the New Medical Record Quick Guide at ISMIE.com!

Make sure you and your team are always on top of medical records procedures with the new **Medical Records Quick Guide**, which you'll find online in ISMIE.com's risk management resources section.

The Quick Guide offers basic instruction on medical records retention and fees for sharing paper, film or digital medical records with patients and other approved parties. **Take note – allowable record copying fees have recently changed.**

For more detailed information, another helpful guide titled **Individual and Third-Party Access to Medical Records** is also available on the ISMIE risk management resources site.

And one more thing – if you're finishing up your ISMIE Managing Risk coursework for the year, consider taking **Record Release: Do You Know What's Changed?** This archived version of a webinar we hosted in August **may qualify you for a premium discount by the midnight, December 31 deadline.**



Thinking about Taking a Break or Changing Your Practice Structure? Call ISMIE First

A recent Physicians Foundation survey said that in the next one to three years, 19.1% of Illinois doctors will cut back on their hours, 8.5% plan to work locum tenens, and nearly 6 percent will be thinking about employment.

Whatever changes you're thinking about in your career, call ISMIE first.

ISMIE's Underwriting Team can help. Call us at 800-782-4767 or email us at underwriting@ismie.com.

We'll help you make it work.

MACRA's Final Rule is Finally Here. We Can Help You Evaluate Your Options

Last month, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) released the much-anticipated Final Rule for implementation of the *Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act of 2015* (MACRA).

ISMIE's partners at the Illinois State Medical Society (ISMS) worked to shape these important practice regulations and had a favorable impact on several aspects of the Final Rule. Still, substantial challenges remain. The new law is *far* from flawless!

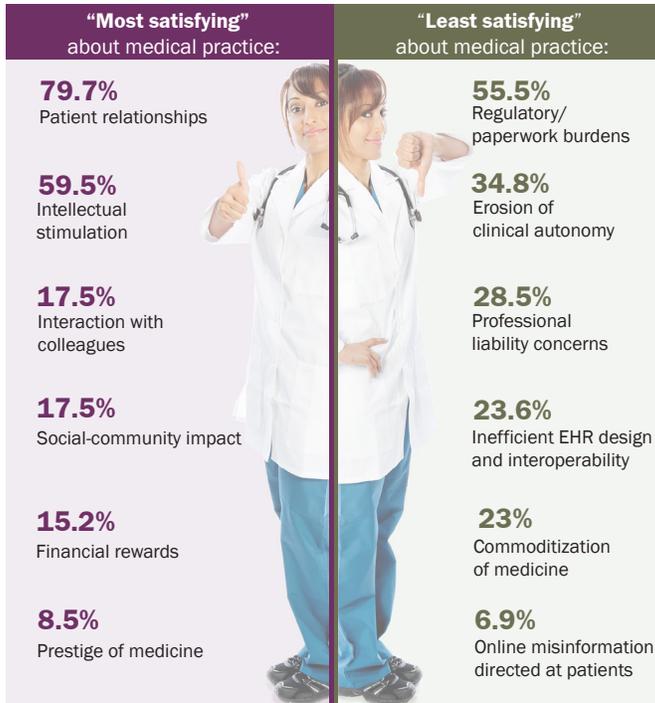
MACRA implementation begins next year, and even though CMS is treating 2017 as a "transition year," physicians and their practice teams will have to take specific actions to avoid future penalties.

Here's help. Start online by visiting www.isms.org/MACRA and viewing the latest guidance, "Top 3 Facts to Know About MACRA Implementation." And if you need further assistance, **ISMS staff members are available to present to your group or to work with your individual practice to help you get ready.**

For more information, please contact the ISMS Division of Health Policy Research and Advocacy at 800-782-4767 or by email at hpresearch@isms.org.



How Illinois Physicians See Their Jobs



Source: The Physicians Foundation, A Survey of American Physicians: Practice Patterns and Perspectives, Illinois data.

ISMIE 40 Flashback: Legal Fairness in Illinois Gets a BIG Assist from the White House



It's not every day that a U.S. President makes a whistle stop to fight for medical liability reform. ISMIE helped make it happen – twice.

President George W. Bush made the Land of Lincoln a

priority in his aggressive liability reform agenda after Illinois was designated a medical liability litigation "crisis state" by the American Medical Association. He spoke first in Chicago in 2003 and then in 2005 in downstate Collinsville, where Illinois' most plaintiff-friendly courtrooms are found.

Want to hear the rest of the story? Click the "ISMIE's History" circle on the ISMIE.com home page. There you'll get a chance to download our flipbook or the PDF version of "A History of Innovation, Trust and Leadership," our 40th anniversary book.

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