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They're at it Again ...

Study Shows Pervasive Venue Shopping in the Prairie State

The Illinois Civil Justice League (ICJL)'s recent study, [Litigation Imbalance III](#), exposes that trial lawyers continue to target certain areas of the state as "lawsuit friendly zones."

Cook, Madison, St. Clair and three other downstate counties have a disproportionate amount of lawsuits, especially from

No More Last Minute Fixes ...

Last week, President Obama [signed](#) into law [H.R. 2](#), the *Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act*, thus abolishing Medicare's Sustainable Growth Rate (SGR) formula.



The bill saw strong bipartisan support in Congress, with a Senate vote last month of [92 to 8](#), and an identical bill passed by the House [392 to 37](#). Key provisions of the bill provide a 0.5 percent annual payment increase through 2019 and the creation of a new payment system with incentives.

The Physician Insurers Association of America, of which ISMIE is a member, worked to negotiate language that was included in the bill to ensure that federal health care guidelines and regulations are not misused in court to prove, or disprove, allegations of medical negligence.

Thanks to all who contacted lawmakers to help advance this historic development in health care, which affects more than 50 million senior citizens.

Sole Shareholders: We've Got You Covered, Just Report Your Corporate Entity Name

Many physicians organize their practice as a group, such as a corporation, partnership or other legal entity. If you are the sole shareholder of such a group and are covered by ISMIE, we need to know that entity's name

non-Illinois residents, compared to the state's other 96 counties.

While there was improvement in a significant portion of the state, lawsuit abuse had a boost in Cook, Madison and St. Clair counties. And Jackson, Jefferson and Williamson counties became newcomers to the lawsuit abuse list.

Let's face it. Personal injury lawyers see Illinois as a playground for filing lawsuits. It's time for our lawmakers to shut it down and outlaw "venue shopping" once and for all.

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so we may add that endorsement to your policy.

If you wish to carry separate limits of liability, you may purchase a separate corporation policy for your sole shareholder entity.

For more information, contact the Underwriting Division [via email](#) or call 800-782-4767 ext. 3350. If you utilize an insurance broker, you may also wish to contact him or her.

Seminar - May 19

Cement Solid Relationships with Your Patients

Patients *expect* you to be helpful, efficient, courteous and responsive, but they *need* you to be caring, compassionate and empathetic.



Attend [The Patient Experience: What Is It Like to Be the Patient?](#) a live seminar on Tuesday, May 19 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., and learn how all practice team members, from physicians to billing clerks, can create solid relationships with patients, minimize problems and enhance the patient's experience.

ISMIE policyholders and their employed staff are welcome to attend. CME offered; breakfast and lunch will be provided. [Sign up today.](#)

Questions? Please contact ISMIE's Risk Management Division at 800-782-4767 ext. 3300, or email riskmanagement@ismie.com.

Enrollment Period for High Limit Disability Program Ends Soon



Disability Resource Group (DRG) is partnering with ISMIE to offer a high limit disability program exclusively for policyholders. Now you can get the income protection you need and have peace of mind—at a discount.

Enrollment for this coverage is only available until **May 13**, so hurry and protect your greatest asset—you!

For more info, [visit this exclusive website for policyholders](#), contact DRG directly at 800-945-9719 ext. 320 or send an email to info@drghi.com.

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