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## *Planning a Risk Assessment This Year?*

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***ISMIE's Feb. 22 'Preparing for Your Risk Assessment' Seminar Provides the Background You'll Need for Patient Safety Success in '19. Register TODAY***

Did you know that policyholders who participate fully in our Managing Risk program are 37 percent less likely to experience a claim that results in a payment, and 21 percent less likely to experience a claim overall, than non-participants?

One of the key components of the Managing Risk program is our on-site risk assessment. The risk assessment gives you and your team the opportunity to work directly with ISMIE risk management experts to help you identify principles of good risk management and potential litigation landmines you'll want to avoid.

To prepare for an upcoming assessment, consider attending our live seminar, [Preparing for Your Risk Assessment](#), on February 22. In this seminar, ISMIE risk management specialists will discuss what's new in our 2019 risk assessment and will provide tips for success. All ISMIE policyholders and their employed staff are welcome to attend.

[Register here.](#)

Can't attend the in-person event? Not to worry – we'll also be hosting an hour-long webinar on how to prepare on March 5. [Register here.](#)

For questions about the ISMIE risk assessments, [read more](#) or contact the risk management team directly at 800-782-4767 or by [email](#).



***Learn While You Lunch! This Feb. 13 Noon Webinar Offers a Half-Hour Update on Year 3 Medicare QPP Participation and Reporting Requirements***

ISMIE policyholders and staff are welcome to attend this upcoming lunchtime seminar,

This 30-minute session, starting at noon on February 13, covers the third set of rules and requirements since the launch of the Medicare Quality Payment Program (QPP), including these highlights:

- Who is eligible or required to participate in the Merit-Based Incentive Payment Program (MIPS) in 2019;
- How changes to required electronic health record use will promote interoperability; and
- What's ahead for Accountable Care Organizations (ACOs) under Medicare's Shared Savings Program.

Our partners at the Illinois State Medical Society (ISMS) frequently host programming on health care issues that affect all practices we serve. ISMIE brings this essential material to policyholders and staff at no extra charge. All others must pay \$150 to attend.



***Doctors, Do You Have Diabetes Patients Struggling to Afford Their Insulin? Share This Helpful ADA Resource***

Recent research published in [JAMA Internal Medicine](#) shows that one in four patients with Type 1 or 2 diabetes have skimped on insulin due to high cost. The American Diabetes Association offers a

helpful new resource that helps patients investigate affordable solutions.

The site, [insulinhelp.org](http://insulinhelp.org), provides patients with the phone numbers of patient assistance programs at three major insulin manufacturers and a short list of information they should gather before they call.

For general patient resources on diabetes, check the ADA's [main site](#).



***Seconds-to-Minutes Emergencies for Pediatric Patients Provide Their Own Unique Challenges – New ISMIE Managing Risk Coursework***

Seconds-to-minutes emergencies are complicated cases requiring immediate evaluation and treatment.

Because such cases are generally better understood in the adult population than in pediatrics, ISMIE is offering new coursework to help identify and treat such cases among children. [Pediatric Seconds-to-Minutes Emergencies, Part 1](#) focuses on key signs and symptoms of seconds-to-minutes emergencies involving pediatric patients, approaches to expedited evaluation and treatment and specific task assignment to team members.

It's all part of the latest risk management education opportunities available to ISMIE policyholders in 2019. [Here's what's available](#).

