

February 2024 – MAFP News & Events

Collaborative Practice Agreements: What Physicians Need to Know About Recent Changes

Sunday, February 4 from 6:00-7:30 pm.

The Missouri Academy of Family Physicians, the Missouri State Medical Association, and the Missouri Association of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons are hosting this webinar to keep you up to date on the changes to the collaborative practice agreements.

Due to recent changes in the interpretation of SB 157 passed in 2023, the geographic proximity component of collaborative agreements has changed considerably. The purpose of this informational webinar is to discuss the changes, their implications, and our recommendations for physician collaborators.

Time will be allotted at the end of the program for specific attendee questions.

Please pre-register for this physician-only meeting below.

[Register for the Zoom meeting here.](#)

Virtual CME Series: Next Session February 15

The Missouri Academy of Family Physicians will be providing convenient monthly virtual CME sessions for you through October. Held monthly from 6:30-7:30 pm via Zoom, we will have sessions on Opioid Use Disorder/Substance Use Disorder, Cardiology, Sexually Transmitted Infections, Artificial Intelligence in Medicine, Missouri Advocacy for Family Physicians, Dermatology, Breastfeeding, and more. You can check out the topics and dates on our website www.mo-afp.org/cme-events/virtual-cme.

Register for the February 15 session on “Coronary CT in Chest Pain; A Paradigm Shift” from Zachary Luebbering, DO by

visiting https://moafp.formstack.com/forms/virtual_cme_series_copy.

MAFP Advocacy Day 2024

You have had a significant impact on legislation over the past several years, and we need you to continue to be the voice of Missouri Family Physicians by participating in Advocacy Day on February 26-27, 2024. This year’s event will be held at the Courtyard Marriott, Jefferson City, including a detailed legislative briefing on Monday, February 26, from 6:00 – 8:30 p.m. This session will also be live-streamed via Zoom for those who register for that option.

SCHEDULE

February 26, 2024

2:00-3:00 p.m. – Private tour of the Capitol Whispering Gallery. Meet in Capitol Rotunda.

Transportation is on your own.

6:00 – 8:30 p.m. – Legislative Briefing at Courtyard Marriott

Dinner Buffet at Courtyard Marriott

In-person/Virtual Legislative Briefing (If applicable, you will receive a link to the Zoom meeting prior to the event.)

February 27, 2024

8:00 – 9:00 a.m. – Breakfast Buffet at Courtyard Marriott

9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. – Legislator Appointments (scheduled by MAFP staff)

11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. – Luncheon Buffet at Courtyard Marriott

1:00 – 4:00 p.m. – MAFP Board of Directors Meeting (Virtual and In Person)

The Courtyard Marriott is sold out. Alternate lodging options are listed on our website.

Learn more and register by visiting <https://www.mo-afp.org/advocacy/advocacy-day/>.

Now Accepting Nominations for 2024 Awards

Do you know a family physician or resident who deserves recognition for their outstanding care, involvement in the community, or leadership in their practice? The Missouri Academy of Family Physicians is accepting nominations for the following awards:

- Family Physician of the Year
- Resident Stipend Award
- Exemplary Teaching Award
- Outstanding Resident of the Year
- Distinguished Service Award

These awards are a way to acknowledge the exceptional work of Missouri's family physicians who exceed expectations in their practice and communities.

To submit a nomination, visit www.mo-afp.org/join/member-recognition. There, you can find the award criteria, eligibility requirements, and nomination guidelines. The deadline to submit your nomination is April 30, 2024.

Time is Running Out to Pay Your Membership Dues!

Your MAFP membership gives you access to tools to enhance your family physician career. [Explore your membership benefits here.](#)

In addition, AAFP membership provides a variety of exclusive products, services, and discounts **totaling nearly \$4,600** in member savings including:

- Access to the enhanced CME Reporter tool, featuring a new search engine for courses and convenient tabs to report CME from AAFP journals and publications
- Discounts on evidence-based CME
- Family medicine-specific resources for board certification and maintenance
- Networking opportunities

There are several ways for you to [pay your membership dues](#). You can pay in full today, [sign up for installments](#), or opt-in to automatically renew your membership each year. *The installment plan includes a nonrefundable annual convenience fee of \$15.*

We'll always be here for you—with invaluable information, ways to connect with your peers, and tireless advocacy to increase administrative simplicity and ensure access to primary care. Thank you for your continued membership. If you have any questions, contact AAFP by [email](#) or call 800.274.2237.

AAFP Board Candidate Applications Due February 15

Don't miss your chance to run for a seat on the AAFP Board! The new Nominating Committee, which was [established by the 2023 Congress of Delegates](#), is looking for candidates who represent the depth and breadth of all the ways family physicians care for their communities. Time is running short, so apply by Feb. 15 so the new Nominating Committee can give Congress of Delegates the strongest slate of candidates to choose from! Learn more by

visiting <https://www.aafp.org/news/blogs/leadervoices/entry/2024-nominations-open.html>.

Please contact leadershipnominations@aaafp.org if you have questions about this new nomination process.

Gain Insights for Your Career Path

Last month, AAFP launched the first-of-its-kind Family Medicine Career Benchmark Dashboard which is available now to all AAFP/MAFP members. It's filled with career information specifically for family physicians—from salary and benefits to job satisfaction and more to help you assess your next contract. Through this dashboard, you'll get cross-country data from thousands of family physicians. The Career Benchmark Dashboard Demonstration [webinar recording](#) and [presentation slides](#) are now available. [Check it out for yourself](#)—it's time to know your worth.

Call for COD Resolutions

Do you have a policy or issue that you would like the MAFP Board of Directors or AAFP Congress of Delegates to address? If so, you can submit it to the MAFP [through our online portal](#) to begin the process. Once submitted, it will be reviewed by the MAFP Advocacy Commission who will discuss the proposed resolution/policy/legislation and determine the next steps for consideration. More information is available online.

Apply for AAFP Degree of Fellow

The AAFP Degree of Fellow recognizes members who have distinguished themselves among their colleagues, as well as in their communities, by their service to family medicine, by their advancement of health care to the American people, and by their professional development through medical education and research. Fellows of the AAFP are recognized as champions of family medicine. They are the physicians who make family medicine the premier specialty in service to their community and profession. Any Active, Life or Inactive member, with dues and re-elections in good standing, may, after application to the American Academy of Family Physicians, be elected to receive the Degree of Fellow upon fulfilling requirements.

[Learn more and apply today!](#)

Student Loan Repayment Program Application OPEN!!

The Office of Rural Health and Primary Care is now accepting applications for the [Student Loan Repayment Program \(SLRP\)](#). This program awards Missouri Primary Care Physicians, Dentists, and Psychiatrists funds to apply toward their educational debt. Up to \$50,000 for a 2-year Service Obligation. [Apply Electronically](#) January 1 – March 1, 2024. For more information, contact the Office of Rural Health and Primary Care (ORHPC) by phone: (573) 751-6441 or email DHSS.LoanRepayment@health.mo.gov

Free Training for Better Health Care for Individuals with Disabilities

The Office of Rural Health and Primary Care within the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services is offering free on demand CME training to provide better health care and screenings for patients with disabilities. Courses are 100% online, you can earn up to 1.5 CME credits, and it is self-paced. [Learn more.](#)