

## March 2024 – MAFP News & Events

### Nominations Due April 30th – MAFP 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](http://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.**

### Virtual CME Series: Next Session March 21

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](http://www.mo-afp.org/cme-events/virtual-cme). Register for the March 21 session on "A Comprehensive Guide to STD Management" from Kento Sonoda, MD, FASAM, AAHIVS, by visiting [https://moafp.formstack.com/forms/virtual\\_cme\\_series\\_copy](https://moafp.formstack.com/forms/virtual_cme_series_copy).

### Members in the News

We are preparing our next issue of Missouri Family Physician magazine. We love to share the accomplishments of our members in each issue so I wanted to reach out to see if you had anything for us to include. Please forward any articles or activities that you have been involved in or recognized for to [bbussey@mo-afp.org](mailto:bbussey@mo-afp.org). Deadline: March 15

### Call for AAFP Congress of Delegates 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.

## Second Annual Primary Care Scorecard Examines Primary Care Challenges

Primary care is the foundation of the U.S. health care system. Yet more and more people report not having a regular place for care. In the forthcoming second annual Health of U.S. Primary Care Scorecard, Robert Graham Center researchers give five reasons why access to primary care is worsening.

- 1) The primary care workforce is not growing fast enough to meet population needs
- 2) The number of trainees who enter and stay on the professional pathway to primary care practice is too low, and too few primary care residents have community-based training.
- 3) The US continues to underinvest in primary care.
- 4) Technology has become a burden to primary care.
- 5) Primary care research to identify, implement, and track novel care delivery and payment solutions is lacking.

Read the full report here. [The Health of US Primary Care: 2024 Scorecard Report - No One Can See You Now | Milbank Memorial Fund](#)

## 2024 Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS)

The 2024 version of the Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) and the HCPCS medical code sets apply to all Fee-for-Service and Managed Care enrolled providers. Effective January 1, 2024, the MO HealthNet Division (MHD) requires the 2024 versions of the CPT and HCPCS medical code sets. Providers should reference the appendix of the CPT and HCPCS books for a summary of the additions, deletions and revisions. For dates of service prior to January 1, 2024, claims must be billed with the 2023 version of CPT and HCPCS codes and modifiers. HCPCS codes that were deleted by Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) for 2024 are not payable for dates of service January 1, 2024, and after. Claims billed with these codes will be denied. [Read More...](#)

## G2211 Add On Code

As previously reported in the Show Me State Update, the CMS finalized the G2211 add-on code in the CY 2024 MPFS. Family physicians provide continuous, comprehensive, and coordinated services in a primary care visit, which add to the complexity of the visit. The complexity and comprehensiveness of primary care are undervalued in the current Evaluation and Management (E/M) code system. The G2211 code is an incremental but meaningful step in appropriately valuing primary care and supporting longitudinal, holistic patient-physician relationships, relative to other services in the fee schedule. We applaud CMS for implementing the G2211 code, and we are working on a few recommendations to improve the code:

- Eliminate restrictions on the payment of G2211 when modifier 25 is attached to the E/M

code to ensure family physicians can continue to offer Medicare beneficiaries comprehensive services in a single visit, and

- Allow G2211 to be applied to home and residence E/M services to more accurately reflect the value provided by comprehensive primary care home visits.

The AAFP has submitted a [letter](#) to CMS requesting these changes, among other payment reform issue such as permanent coverage of both audio-video and audio-only telehealth services, revisit the policy that pays for telehealth services place of service, permanently allow direct supervision of non-physician clinicians through real-time audio/video technology, permit teaching physicians to have a virtual presence for oversight, and permanently expand the list of services subject to the primary care exception.

### **Survey: Diabetes and Heart Disease**

The Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services, Diabetes and Heart Disease Program is requesting your assistance in completing a survey about the implementation of e-referrals for chronic disease programming and social determinants of health. The information gathered from this survey will provide insight into how and where we might focus efforts to support increasing multi-directional e-referrals across the state. [Take survey.](#)

### **Survey: SUPPORT Act's Prescription Drug Monitoring Program Mandate**

MO HealthNet is conducting a survey regarding the implementation of the Substance Use-Disorder Prevention that Promotes Opioid Recovery and Treatment for Patients and Communities (SUPPORT) Act's prescription drug monitoring program mandate. The SUPPORT Act required that states mandate that covered providers consult a qualified prescription drug monitoring program (PDMP) before prescribing controlled substances to covered individuals. Moreover, beginning with the Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2023, states must report annual data about the use of PDMPs by covered providers before prescribing controlled substances to the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). To help assess the implementation of this mandate, please complete this [survey](#).