



April 2022 MAFP News & Events

Submit a Proposal for the 30th Annual Fall Conference

2022 marks the 30th year for the Missouri Academy of Family Physicians Annual Fall Conference. Join us November 11-12, 2022 at Big Cedar Lodge for CME and networking opportunities! The Annual Business meeting will also be held in conjunction with this event.

Physicians and Healthcare Professionals are invited to submit proposals for this conference. Please [submit your proposals](#) to [Bill Plank](#) by June 1, 2022.

The conference schedule will be available later this year. Visit our website to stay up-to-date on conference information, registration, and lodging. <https://www.mo-afp.org/cme-events/afc/>.

Seeking Articles for Summer Magazine Addressing Dermatology

The Missouri Academy of Family Physicians (MAFP) is accepting articles for [Missouri Family Physician](#), a quarterly magazine with a print and digital distribution of more than 2,400 family physicians, family medicine residents, and medical student members in Missouri.

The summer issue's theme is dermatology and the family physician. The MAFP would like physicians to write about their patients' experiences and their own. Some possible topics include, but are not limited to, skin safety and screening, cancer, diagnosis of skin diseases, common skin disorders, treatments that should be completed in a family medicine clinic instead of referred, and skin diseases across the generations (infant to elderly), etc.

The content should relate to family physicians, family medicine residents, and medical students interested in family medicine. If you or someone you know is interested in publishing an article, please [contact Bill Plank](#) ASAP with an intended article topic. The deadline for submitting articles is May 15, 2022. For consideration, each article must be submitted on the [Article Submission Form](#).

Seeking Nominations for 2022 Awards

The MAFP Academy of Family Physicians (MAFP) is accepting nominations for the following 2022 awards: Family Physician of the Year, Family Medicine Resident Stipend Award, Exemplary Teaching Award, Outstanding Resident of the Year Award, and Distinguished Service Award.

These annual awards recognize the best of the best family physicians, family medicine educators, family medicine residents, and friends of family medicine in the great state of Missouri. These individuals go above and beyond the call of duty to promote and share the ideals of family medicine not only to their patients but to their communities. Does this sound like anyone you know? [Nominate](#) a family physician, family medicine educator, resident, or advocate of family medicine who deserves recognition for providing exemplary care, are involved in their community or are leaders in their practice.

The awards criteria, eligibility, and nomination guidelines and processes are available on the MAFP website. [Nominations can be submitted online and will be accepted through April 30, 2022.](#)

If you have questions, please contact [Brittany Bussey](#).

Important News from the Show-Me-State

MOHEALTHNET: New Complementary Health and Alternative Therapies for Chronic Pain Management

MO HealthNet continues to respond to the Opioid Crisis afflicting Missourians. A summary of these policies follows, for more detailed information see: <https://dss.mo.gov/mhd/cs/pharmacy/pages/clinedit.htm>.

On April 7, 2022, MO HealthNet will reduce the daily limit of cumulative opioids from 150 morphine milligram equivalents (MME) to 90 morphine milligram equivalents for chronic non-malignant pain (excludes hospice, palliative care, cancer and sickle cell disease). Participants currently receiving opioid regimens in excess of the new limit will be grandfathered and allowed to continue at the current dose or lower to allow for tapering.

- Alternative therapies are covered: chiropractic therapy, acupuncture, physical therapy, and cognitive-behavioral therapy for chronic pain with prior authorization. [Learn more.](#)
- Increased Coverage of Non-Opioid Medications is available with the removal of prior authorization requirements for Lidocaine patches, Diclofenac gel, and Celecoxib.
- MO HealthNet providers are now required to check the available Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP) prior to prescribing a controlled substance to a MO HealthNet participant .
- Continued Access to Medication Assisted Therapy is encouraged with no prior authorization required for preferred opioid use disorder medications. [Learn more.](#)

Opioid Prior Authorization Process - Pharmacies or prescribers can call the Pharmacy Help Desk line at 1-800-392-8030, option #3, Monday-Friday 8am-9pm or Saturday and Sunday 8am-6pm. In addition to phone calls, providers may submit requests through CyberAccess or by faxing a [Drug Prior Authorization form](#) to 573-636-6470. To become a CyberAccess user, contact the Conduent help desk at 888-581-9797. [Learn more.](#)

For patients who do not meet MO HealthNet criteria for chronic opioid use or for patients who exceed the total MME limit, a pain management specialist may be consulted to review the request.

AAFP Promotes Administrative Simplification through DPC Model

In keeping with AAFP efforts to reduce members' administrative burden, the AAFP Innovation Lab is taking on a root cause of physician burnout: fee-for-service (FFS) and its large patient panels, short visits, and excess overhead needed to manage billing requirements. HintOS, a direct primary care (DPC) management solution that helps practices shift from an FFS to a DPC payment model, is showing early promise as a new tool in the AAFP administrative simplification armamentarium. [Learn more.](#)