



## December 2021 MAFP News & Events

### 2022 Membership Needs Assessment Now Open

Please take 14 minutes today to provide us with important information that will help guide the Academy for the next several years. Your input is truly appreciated and needed!

The information obtained from this survey will be used by the Missouri Academy of Family Physicians Board of Directors to determine how to allocate resources and best serve the membership. All responses are kept confidential. These results will also be used in the development of the 2023-2025 strategic plan.

By completing the entire survey and including your name, you become eligible for a \$100 Mastercard gift card. Please complete the survey by January 31, 2022. The drawing will occur after the survey is closed. [Take the survey.](#)

### Diabetes KSA December 12 – Limited Space Available

Missouri's allotment for this multi-state virtual KSA, Sunday, December 12, 2021, at 4:30 p.m., has one spot open for registration.

The MAFP works with other chapters to offer this virtual option and some states have not filled all of their registrations. Additional registrations will be entered into a waitlist to fill any remaining spots from other states or any cancellations from Missouri members. Registrations will be processed on the waitlist on a first-come, first-served basis. [Register now.](#)

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### Time to Renew Your Academy Membership

Your support of the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP), the Missouri Academy of Family Physicians (MAFP), and the specialty of family medicine strengthens our united voice. You've turned to us for timely, tailored resources you know you can trust. And we'll continue to be here for you—with invaluable information, ways to connect with your peers, and tireless advocacy on your behalf.

It's time to renew your membership for 2022. Your membership provides a variety of exclusive products, services, and discounts totaling over \$4,000 in member savings<sup>1</sup> from the AAFP. These benefits include:

Access to Primary+<sup>®</sup>, where you can report continuing medical education (CME), log procedures, and keep up with state licensing requirements

Discounts on evidence-based CME

Family medicine-specific resources for board certification and maintenance

And much more, including benefits from the MAFP!

[Pay your membership dues online now](#) or [sign up for the installment plan](#)<sup>\*</sup>. While online, you also can opt in to automatically renew your membership each year, leaving you one less thing to think about.

Thank you for your continued membership in the AAFP and the MAFP!

<sup>1</sup>[Membership Value Statement](#)

<sup>\*</sup>The installment plan includes a nonrefundable, annual convenience fee of \$15.

## MAFP Award Recipients Announced

The Missouri Academy of Family Physicians presented three awards at the Academy's 73rd Annual Meeting held November 12-13, 2021 at Big Cedar Lodge, Ridgedale, Missouri. Full stories will be available in the next issue of the Missouri Family Physician magazine.

David A. Miller, MD, MHA, CHCEF, FFAFP, of Wildwood, Missouri, was presented with the 2021 Family Physician of the Year Award. Dr. Miller was chosen as the award recipient by a committee of family physicians from nominations made by patients, community members, and fellow physicians. [Read more.](#)



Marla Tobin, MD, FFAFP, of Warrensburg, Missouri, was presented with the 2021 Distinguished Service Award. Dr. Tobin was chosen as the award recipient by a committee of family physicians from nominations made by patients, community members, and fellow physicians. [Read more.](#)

John Heafner, MD, MPH, of St. Louis, Missouri, was presented with the 2021 Outstanding Resident of the Year Award. Dr. Heafner was chosen as the award recipient by a committee of family physicians from nominations made by Missouri family medicine residency programs. [Read more.](#)

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## Represent MAFP at NCCL in 2022

Believe it or not, it's already time to start planning your schedule for AAFP's spring leadership conferences. Each year, AAFP holds the National Conference of Constituency Leaders and Annual Chapter Leader Forum together in Kansas City, Missouri. NCCL representatives and ACLF attendees from across the nation gather to discuss various issues, suggest policies and programs to AAFP, and receive leadership training. In 2022, the conferences will be held April 28-30 and MAFP is looking for members to serve on the delegation representing the following constituencies: new physicians (physicians who have been out of residency for seven years or fewer), women, minorities, international medical graduates, and LGBT physicians. MAFP reimburses your travel for each of the five delegates.

Interested? Email Kathy Pabst at [kpabst@mo-afp.org](mailto:kpabst@mo-afp.org) by Friday, January 3, 2022.

For more information about NCCL, go to [www.aafp.org/events/acf-nccl/nccl.html](http://www.aafp.org/events/acf-nccl/nccl.html) and for more on ACLF, go to [www.aafp.org/events/acf-nccl/acf.html](http://www.aafp.org/events/acf-nccl/acf.html).

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## Important News from the Show-Me-State

### CMS finalizes Medicare PFS rule for 2022

The CMS has released the final Medicare physician fee schedule rule for 2022. The final rule delivers several family medicine wins following AAFP and MAFP advocacy including a long-overdue increase to clinical labor pricing that will help physician practices hire and retain essential clinical staff.

The agency will reduce the Medicare conversion factor from \$34.89 to \$33.59, eliminate geographic restrictions in telehealth visits for behavioral health services, allow some audio-only telehealth, and increase payments for administering vaccines for influenza, pneumonia, and other common diseases.

The MAFP submitted comments on the proposed schedule on September 11 to Chiquita Brooks-LaSure, Administrator, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services. If you would like a copy of MAFP's comments, email Kathy Pabst at [kpabst@mo-afp.org](mailto:kpabst@mo-afp.org). [Learn More.](#)

## 2022 Immunization Schedules Updated at November ACIP Meeting

Immunization schedules for children, adolescents and adults, as well as vaccines for hepatitis B, orthopoxviruses and Ebola, were among the topics discussed at this month's meeting of the CDC's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices. [Learn More.](#)

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## NEW Show Me ECHO – Disordered Eating and Eating Disorders

The University of Missouri Columbia is launching a new ECHO that will create a community of learning to increase knowledge, skills and confidence in prevention, early identification, and care of all individuals with disordered eating and eating disorders. [Learn More.](#)

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## Upcoming Events

[Virtual KSA – Diabetes: December 12](#)

[Advocacy Day – February 28 – March 1, 2022](#)

Missouri Scientific CME Series (virtual) | 6:00-8:00 pm

> Neurology – February 17, 2022

> Geriatrics – March 17, 2022

> Cancer – April 21, 2022

> Musculoskeletal – May 19, 2022

*More info coming soon*

