



## March 2022 MAFP News & Events

### Premier Job Resource for Missouri Family Physicians

The Missouri Academy of Family Physicians (MOAFP) Career Center is the premier resource to connect family physicians with career opportunities. Whether you're searching for jobs or finding candidates, the MOAFP Career Center offers a wealth of resources to help you achieve your career goal.

[Visit the Career Center](#)

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### NCCL Delegates

The AAFP [National Conference of Constituency Leaders](#) will be held April 28-30, 2022 in Kansas City. MAFP solicited volunteers to represent the MAFP through the Show-Me-State Update and this year's delegates are:

- Women – Barbara Miller, MD, Joplin
- IMG – Jennifer Allen, MD, Hermann
- LGBTQ – Theresa Drallmeier, MD, St. Louis
- Minority – Ngozi Wilkens, MD, St. Louis
- New Physician – John Heafner, MD, St. Louis

In addition, your Executive Commission will attend the Annual Chapter Leadership Forum to build on their leadership and governance skills. Look for more information in the July-September issue of the magazine.

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### Missouri Show-Me ECHO Summit

The first-ever Show-Me ECHO Summit will be held virtually on March 18! This incredible opportunity brings together expert hub team members, participants, healthcare leaders, and other stakeholders to discuss the triumphs (and challenges) of ECHO in your community. We will highlight the value and impact of ECHO, discuss strategies to encourage participation, and showcase current programs. We will also consider and reflect on the vision of Show-Me ECHO for the future. This virtual session will be held Friday, March 18th, 2022, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

[Register Here](#)

### Help AAFP serve you better with the Member Census

The world has changed since the AAFP first designed its Member Census, so they've updated it with questions more relevant to today's family medicine practice. It only takes five minutes to complete the 12 multiple-choice questions about your experiences as a family physician. Your insight will help the AAFP develop the services and support you need to continue providing the best patient care.

[Take the Member Census](#)

## Seeking Nominations for 2022 Awards

The MAFP Academy of Family Physicians (OAFP) 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
- 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 at [bbussey@mo-afp.org](mailto:bbussey@mo-afp.org).

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## Important News from the Show-Me-State

### New AAFP Member Directory Available

The AAFP has launched a new Member Directory that allows members to search for colleagues based on location, chapter, residency program, or medical school, and then invite fellow members to connect with them. Privacy controls let members decide what information they want to share, and those who have opted out of AAFP directories or rosters will not appear in the new Member Directory. Because of these privacy settings, chapters should not use the directory to verify AAFP membership.

Chapters can invite members to accept the updated Terms of Service and begin using the directory at <https://connect.aafp.org/network/members>.

### Federal No Surprises Act In Effect – What consumers need to know

As of January 1, 2022, consumers have new billing protections when getting emergency care, non-emergency care from out-of-network providers at in-network facilities, and air ambulance services from out-of-network providers. New federal laws are in place to protect consumers from surprise billing.

These new rules are aimed to protect consumers, excessive out-of-pocket costs are restricted, and emergency services must continue to be covered without any prior authorization, and regardless of whether or not a provider or facility is in-network. You can visit <https://insurance.mo.gov/consumers/health/no-surprises-act.php> for more information about the No Surprises Act or contact the Missouri Department of Commerce and Insurance at 1-800-726-7390.

## 2022 Immunization Schedules

The CDC has officially released the adult, childhood, and catch-up immunization schedules for 2022. Visit the [AAFP's Immunization Schedules](#) page for the latest information.

## Educational funding opportunities available for Missouri medical students

Educational funding is currently available for eligible medical or nursing students, or those already licensed and able to work in an underserved area of Missouri. The [Health Professional Loan and Loan Repayment programs](#) administered by the Department of Health and Senior Services, Office of Rural Health, and Primary Care are designed to increase access to health care for Missourians in [Health Professional Shortage Areas](#).

The Office of Rural Health and Primary Care is currently accepting program applications through March 15, 2022. Programs are available for students interested in pursuing careers as nurses, primary care physicians, dentists, and psychiatrists. Additionally, licensed practitioners currently working in an underserved area of Missouri or those willing to provide care in an underserved area may be eligible. Depending on the medical discipline, individuals may be eligible to receive \$5,000-50,000 in student loans or a loan repayment award to pay toward existing educational debt.

The following Health Professional Loan and Loan Repayment programs are offered through DHSS for medical students/physicians:

[Student Loan Repayment Program \(SLRP\)](#): awards funding for the repayment of eligible educational loans for qualified Health Professionals, Physicians, Dentists, and Psychiatrists in Missouri.

[The Primary Care Resource Initiative for Missouri \(PRIMO\)](#) awards funding for eligible educational expenses to qualified students pursuing careers as licensed primary care Physicians, Dentists, Dental Hygienists, and Psychiatrists in Missouri.

Those with questions may contact the program at [DHSS.LoanRepayment@health.mo.gov](mailto:DHSS.LoanRepayment@health.mo.gov) or 800-891-7415.

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## Upcoming Events

[Missouri Scientific CME Series \(virtual\) | 6:00-8:00 pm](#)

- > Geriatrics – March 17, 2022
- > Cancer – April 21, 2022
- > Musculoskeletal – May 19, 2022

[Annual Fall Conference, November 11-12, 2022, Big Cedar Lodge, Ridgedale](#)