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PULASKI COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETY

# NEWS

*When you think professional, ethical, quality healthcare, think physicians of Pulaski County Medical Society.*

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## Senate Passes Medicare Medicaid Extenders Act

By unanimous consent on December 8, the Senate passed H.R. 4994, the "Medicare and Medicaid Extenders Act of 2010." The legislation would stabilize Medicare physician payments at current rates for 12 months, through the end of 2011. Medicare payments are scheduled to be cut by 25 percent on January 1, 2011.

In addition to providing an additional 12-month reprieve from the Medicare physician payment cuts being produced by the sustainable growth rate (SGR) formula, the bill extends a number of other payment policies that were set to expire at the end of this year. Of particular interest to physicians, the bill would extend through 2011:

- the "floor" on geographic adjustments made for the physician work component of the Medicare payment schedule;
- the 5 percent payment increase for certain Medicare mental health services;
- an exceptions process for the cap on Medicare out-patient therapy services; and
- payments for the technical component for certain pathology services.



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Also of benefit to physicians, the legislation includes funds to enable Medicare contractors to reprocess claims for physician services affected by provisions of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA) passed last spring with a retroactive effective date of January 1, 2010. These include revisions to the geographic payment adjustments, increased payments for bone density tests, and other policies. Retroactive payment changes resulting from corrections

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that were made in the calculation of certain relative value units when the 2010 Medicare payment schedule was first issued could be implemented, as well.

The approximately \$19 billion cost of the legislation was offset by an increase in repayments to be made by individuals and families whose income grew significantly after they were deemed eligible for subsidies to purchase health insurance under PPACA. Under current law, such repayments are capped at \$250 for an individual and \$400 for families; the bill would raise these caps according to an income-related scale to as much as \$1,750 for an individual and \$3,500 for a family making between 450-500 percent of the federal poverty level.

The House of Representatives must now pass H.R. 4994 before it is sent to the White House for the President's signature into law.

**Ashley Deed, MD Elected 2011 PCMS President**

Dr. Ashley Deed was elected the first woman president of the 144-year-old Pulaski County Medical Society at the organization's annual meeting Thursday, November 18, 2010 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel. Other 2011 officers are Renee' Montgomery, MD, president-elect; Danny Wilkerson, MD, vice president; Tracy Baltz, MD, secretary; treasurer, Lydia Lane, MD; Chad Rodgers, MD, immediate past president.



*Dr. Chad Rodgers & Dr. Ashley Deed*

The President's Award for a Lifetime of Service to the Practice of Medicine was presented to Dr. Warren Douglas by Dr. Joe Beck. Dr. Stuart Harris introduced Dr. Douglas.



*The Dr. Warren Douglas Family & Friends*

Other business issues included the unanimous approval of a Bylaws revision adding a new "Resident" category.

Dr. Rodgers thanked the 2010 board of directors for their contribution to the Society that made this a very successful year. He noted how the board has grown in diversity and in new members. Dr. Rodgers expressed gratitude for new leadership and to senior leadership for making PCMS strong in the past through their wisdom and guidance. He encouraged the Society to remain active in protecting the practice of medicine in facing an uncertain future; remain proactive in the community and society as a whole to continue to make the practice of medicine an honorable profession.

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**Blake McGowan, MD Elected 2011 Medical Exchange President**

Dr. Blake McGowan was elected to a two-year term president of the Pulaski County Medical Exchange. Slate of officers also included Kent Covert, MD, vice president; J.K. Buchman, MD, treasurer; Carolyn Clayton, secretary.



*Dr. McGowan & Dr. Eddie Phillips, 2009-2010 PCME President*



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