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MEDICAL GOODS
Chronicle Medical Editorial Meeting
At the invitation of Congressman Kevin Brady, HCMS President Russell, Dr. Gary Floyd, MD, along with HCMS and TMA staff, with the Houston Chronicle Editorial Board for an interview. The Houston Chronicle wrote one editorial in support of the need to reform SGR on Sept. It published an opinion piece, ‘Congress Must Fix Medicare’ by HCMS President Russell, with HCMS President Elect Elizabeth Torres, MD, and HCMS Council on Governmental Affairs and Policy Committee Chair, Dr. Robert Vanzant, MD, on the comments was opposed to enacting any program until the CMS can ensure that the program is being implemented in a way that is not creating PRRS from the three to nine measures and applying the value-based payment system. The article states that value is not the current level of 100%.” Unfortunately, they did not listen.

Discouraged to Members
In July and December, HCMS distributed information on Medicare Physician 2014 Fee Schedule Proposed Rule Summary to all physicians, and TMA’s Health Information Nurse was on hand to answer questions. HCMS Council on Medical Politics

Congressional Meetings
By the end of September, HCMS had met with nine of 11 members of Congress or their staff on health care related issues and the reform and heavy regulation that are impacting physicians and their patients. The following HCMS physicians attended meetings:

• Tom Garcia, MD – re-elected to the TMA Board of Trustees
• Gary Floyd, MD – re-elected to the TMA Board of Trustees
• Russell, MD – elected AAMA alternate delegate.
• Karla Vital, PA – elected Hawaii delegate.
• Eva Goulding, MD – elected TMA alternate delegate.

TMA PHYSICIAN SERVICE ORGANIZATION
TMA staff participated in meetings with vendors where they are in working with members to ensure the best quality physician service organization (PSO). TMA has formed a selection committee to review PSO submissions. TMA officially announced the formation of the PSO, which is a management organization service that will assist physicians with back office functions and alternative payment models. HCMS and Dallas County Medical Society were recognized as key participants.

LEGISLATIVE SUCCESSES IN 2013
The Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHS), registered to discuss efforts to improve patient care, set February 5 as Medicare Part B deductible payments for patients eligible for both Medicare and Medicaid, also designated as dual eligible. TMA organized meetings and的地步 leaders asking for their help to regulate the payments. Soon, the Medicare Part B for claim service pays claim for patients who are eligible for the full deductible amount.

Physician-led medical team
TMA worked for months with the Texas Academy of Family Physicians, Advocates for Patient Access to Nutrition (APAN), and Physician Assistants (PA) on a bill that passed to create physician-led medical medical teams. The law will increase access to the Texas Medical Board in order to provide education to other medical providers. The bill focuses on improving appropriate quality assurance of care in the medical field.

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TMA FALL BUSINESS EXPO
TMA held its Fall Business Expo on Oct. 12 at Reliant Center to showcase services and products for physicians as well as offer continuing medical education (CME) courses in business practices. Approximately 130 physicians and staff attended the Expo. Physicians could attend three CME seminars, two of which were free to either credit. Two Lunch & Learn presentations were offered: one giving a practical approach to the implementation and the other on HR issues for physician practices. Nearly 50 companies exhibited their products and services for physicians and their practices at the Expo.

PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY
Members
Personal Responsibility Committee, chaired by Russell, MD, held its meeting on Monday, Oct. The group is collaborating organizing collections together to solve our chronic blood disorders. From that collaboration, the Committee for Life Program was developed. The program has been successful. The blood banks are now collecting a surplus of blood.

MEDICAID
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Keeping the Patient-Physician Relationship
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Physician Service Organization (PSO)
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NEW AND RULES AND REGULATIONS
Information on ACA to TMA Members
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Disaster Preparedness
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MEDICATION ERRORS
Walk with a Doc
HCMS has been holding monthly seminars from Texas Medical Center News, and the Houston Chronicle for Walk with a Doc. HCMS has a social media site titled to publicize and allow people to join the events. www.walkwithadoc.com and www.walkwitha doc.org

HCMS distributed the program to physicians in the Central and West Harris County Health Care System as well as those living in the various areas of the west.

HCMS has invited you to see neary parks to the west for their ongoing online site: the Plaza Board of Trustees and HCMS Board of Trustees also invited to also distributed to Plaza Professional Building, Park and Recreation Department for the Judson Rutlin Jr.

– The John P. McGovern Museum of Health & Medical Science has been distributing the IWAD information to its website and a newsletter that reads at 4a.m.

Mastectomy
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Microscope Collaborative
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HCMS EVENTS
HCMS moved the Walk with a Doc Program in July to meet the expansion of the John P. McGovern Museum of Health & Medical Science. The event has been expanded to include a new health care provider to explain the benefits of walking and to attract more people to this event. The event is a physical activity that is good for health and leads the walk for 1.5 miles through the Medical Center. The event coordinators were: Dr. Daniel Cornejo, Lilian Hay and Karla Vital. Past walk dates included: June 12, July 10, Sept. 20, Oct. 18, and Nov. 15. HCMS referred a reporter with Univision on a specific case of mental health on a documentary. HCMS provided background information to a reporter with Univision on the topic of a reporter with Univision on the topic.

Dangers of Surgery Abroad
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A Departmental Educational Initiative

HCMS is committed to providing educational opportunities for its members. One of these initiatives is the Departmental Educational Initiative, which offers workshops and seminars on various topics related to healthcare. These events are open to all physicians in good standing with HCMS. For more information about these events, please visit the HCMS website or contact the education department.

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