



# Physician BUZZ

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## HCMS/HAM Installation of Officers & Leadership Recognition

Join your colleagues in honoring the 2019 officers at the Harris County Medical Society/Houston Academy of Medicine (HCMS/HAM) Installation of Officers and Leadership Recognition on Friday, Jan. 18, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. Contact Debbi Eschenbach at 713-524-4267, ext. 245 or email her at [debbi\\_eschenbach@hcms.org](mailto:debbi_eschenbach@hcms.org) for reservation. HCMS wishes to thank TMLT for supporting HCMS/HAM Installation of Officers. [Click here](#) for details.

## HCMS Member Appreciation Day at The Health Museum

Enjoy the John P. McGovern Museum of Health & Medical Science (The Health Museum), and gain continuing medical education (CME) ethics credit free of charge at HCMS Member Appreciation Day Feb. 2, 2019 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. This event is for HCMS member physicians and their guests only. [Click here](#) for more information and to register.

## First Tuesdays

Make sure your voice is heard by Texas state legislators. On the first Tuesday of every month (Feb. 5, March 5, April 2 and May 7), physicians from across the state will converge in Austin to meet with their representatives to discuss the challenges physicians face today. Be a part of the White Coat Invasion! [Click here](#) to register.

## 2019 Medicare Physician Fee Schedule

The new 2019 Medicare Physician Fee Schedule has been published and is available for download. You can look up individual codes or download the entire fee schedule on the [Novitas fee schedule web page](#).

## Free concierge auto program available to you, your family and your staff

The [HCMS Auto Program](#) can help you, your family and your staff find new and pre-owned cars. The FREE concierge service does all the legwork. Contact program director Phil Hornbeak at [phornbeak@hcms.org](mailto:phornbeak@hcms.org), or 713-843-7185, for assistance.

## Payer Bulletins, Manuals, and Newsletters

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