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Update on AHCCCS Opioid Policy Revisions – Governor’s Executive Order

As a follow up to public comments submitted in December and a stakeholder meeting with AOMA physicians last month, AHCCCS has released updated revisions to the Medical Policy Manual to implement Governor Ducey’s prescription opioid initial fill limitation for adults with exclusions, and initial and refills for children. In addition, new prior authorization requirements will be implemented for long-acting opioid medications. These changes will become effective April 1, 2017.

- [AHCCCS Medical Policy Manual \(see pages 310-10 to 310-12\)](#)
- [AMPM Policy 310-V, Exhibit 310-V-2: 7-day Supply Limitation Exclusions](#)
- [Policy 310-V, Exhibit 310-V-3, ICD-10-CM Diagnosis Code Description](#)

AHCCCS was receptive to many concerns raised by AOMA and responded by adding exclusions we requested for adults receiving care for cancer, hospice, end-of-life care, palliative care, skilled nursing facility care, and traumatic injury. The limit on post-surgical procedures was also increased from 7 to 14 days.

AOMA Awards Nominations Due

Honor your peers! The AOMA Annual Awards recognize outstanding service and contributions to the osteopathic medical profession in Arizona. Only AOMA members may submit an AOMA Award nomination form. Submit nominations to the AOMA office by **March 3, 2017**. The AOMA Awards will be presented at the AOMA Annual Convention.

The online nomination form plus the complete list of AOMA Awards and past recipients is available at www.az-osteo.org/AOMA_Awards.

Are you registered yet? Early Registration Deadline is March 19, 2017

The AOMA 95th Annual Convention is April 19 to 23, 2017 at the Hilton Scottsdale Resort & Villas. The five-day CME event is designated for 36.0 hours of AOA Category 1-A credit. Application will also be submitted for AAFP prescribed credits.

Save \$100! Register online by March 19, 2017 at www.az-osteo.org/2017Conv. Or call the AOMA office at 602-266-6699.



[Download the agenda.](#)

2017 DO Day at the Legislature



More than 100 attended the 2017 AOMA DO Day at the Legislature on Tuesday, February 21, 2017. The day-long event included a welcome from Secretary of State Michele Reagan, an update from Christina Corieri, Governor Ducey's Health and Human Services Senior Policy Advisor, an advocacy briefing from Senator Nancy Barto, Chair of the Senate Health Committee, and a lobbyist panel presentation featuring Joe Abate, AOMA lobbyist; Kelsey Lundy, lobbyist for Midwestern University; and Susie Stevens, lobbyist for A.T. Still University. Attendees also visited the gallery of the House of Representatives and were introduced to all of the representatives by Representative Heather Carter, Chair of the House Health Committee. DOs and students met one-on-one with their state legislators to discuss issues important to the osteopathic medical profession.

DO Day at the Legislature is held annually and provides the opportunity to get an up-close view of the legislative process. Thank you everyone who participated!

Legislative Session Update - Plenty of Bills, No Budget Yet

The Arizona State Legislature has just finished its 50th day of session. There are budget subcommittees meeting and budget negotiations underway, but still no official budget bills have been introduced. All of the Senate and House bills are being passed out of the chambers of origin so the list of bills of concern and interest are beginning to narrow. Some bills of interest still in play critical to DOs include:

[SB 1028](#) – Continuation bill for the Board of Osteopathic Medical Examiners

[SB 1441](#) – “Surprise billing” reforms to protect consumers at no fault of their own receive surprise bills; AOMA is working to address a number of physician concerns

[SB 1435](#) – Adds fingerprinting requirement for newly licensed DOs; similar to many other professions, including MDs

[SB 1336](#) – Adds prescribing ability for certified registered nurse anesthetists for anesthetics; redefines direction and presence standard for CRNAs and physicians

For more information and to view AOMA's bill tracking list, please visit the [AOMA Advocacy Resource Center](#) or call Pete Wertheim at 602-266-6699 or email pwertheim@az-osteo.org.

AOMA 2017 District Meetings - Networking and Policy Discussions

AOMA members are represented by districts to ensure diverse, inclusive representation. Each District meets at least once a year to network with peers, discuss policy, and conduct business including electing Delegates and Alternates to the AOMA House of Delegates and representatives to serve on the AOMA Board of Trustees. Please plan to attend your AOMA District Meeting.

Don't know your District? Call the AOMA office at 602-266-6699 or email teresa@az-osteo.org.

District	Date & Time	Location
6 RSVP HERE	Saturday, March 11, 2017	Firebirds Wood Fired Grill 2985 E Skyline Dr Tucson, AZ
7 RSVP HERE	Monday, March 20, 2017	Via Teleconference

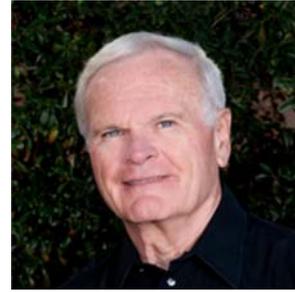
Silent Auction Items Needed

The annual Arizona Osteopathic Charities Silent Auction will be held Saturday, April 22, 2017 at the Scottsdale Hilton Resort & Villas. Proceeds from the auction help the Charities achieve its mission in building a healthier community through the support of osteopathic medical education and community health improvement projects in Arizona. **Can you help us with a donation?** Your contribution can be

something as simple as a gift certificate from a local business, a bottle of wine, or tickets to an athletic or theatrical event. All donations are greatly appreciated and are tax deductible. Contact Sharon Daggett at charities@az-osteo.org or click on and complete the [Donation Form](#) and return by email or mail to: Arizona Osteopathic Charities, 5150 N. 16th St., Ste. A-122, Phoenix, AZ 85016.

In Memoriam

Robert Gary Maxfield, DO, died on February 8, 2017. He was born on September 16, 1939 in Maplewood, New Jersey. He grew up alongside his two brothers, enjoying his family and close high school friends. On the weekends, he spent time working with his father on their family farm. He followed in his father's footsteps and headed to medical school in 1961. Between medical school and residency, he was a Lieutenant in the US Navy, assigned to the US Marine Corp as a physician. During his surgical residency in Michigan, he met his wife Sandy. Together they moved to Tucson, in 1974, to join a surgical practice and raise a family. Bob cared deeply about his family and friends and serving the Tucson community. He enjoyed skiing, playing tennis, supporting the UofA Wildcats, spending his summers in Pinetop Arizona and then later, their cottage on Lake of the Woods in Ontario, Canada. He will be lovingly remembered by his wife Sandy, his daughter Marla and her husband Charlie, his son Robert and his wife Renee, and his eight grandchildren: Amy, Hayden, Julia, Kate, Andrew, Olivia, Ellie and Xander. If you wish to honor his memory, a donation can be made to Pediatric Leukemia and Lymphoma Research at the Steele Children's Research Center, P.O. Box 245073, Tucson, AZ 85724-5073 or to the Humane Society of Southern Arizona, 3450 N. Kelvin Blvd., Tucson, AZ 85716. A celebration of life will be held April 7th, Mountain Oyster Club, 4:00-8:00 pm.



We Need Your Ideas and Input

Do you know that AOMA membership offers a variety of discounted services and products through its Business Partners Program? The Membership Services Committee is in need of a few members to suggest, review, and approve potential new services, products, discounts, and programs that will benefit you - personally and professionally. If you are interested in sharing your ideas with this committee, please call the AOMA office at 602-266-6699 or send an email to pwertheim@az-osteo.org.



Arizona Oral Cancer Walk

Help raise awareness about oral cancer by participating in the Oral Cancer Foundation Walk for Awareness - Arizona

Date: Saturday, April 1, 2017

Check-in & Registration: 6:30am

Opening Ceremony: 7:00 am

Walk Start Time: 8:00 am

Registration Fees:

Walkers \$25 to pre-register, \$30 day of the event

Oral cancer survivors are FREE

Students \$15 to pre-register, \$20 day of event

Children 2 and under are FREE/Ages 3-10 \$10



Register online at:

<http://donate.oralcancer.org/event/arizona2017/>

2nd Annual Arizona Cord Blood Conference: Blazing Frontiers

The Arizona Biomedical Research Commission in partnership with the University of Arizona College of Medicine, the Arizona Public Cord Blood Program, and Save the Cord Foundation, present the 2nd Annual Arizona Cord Blood Conference on Thursday, April 13, 2017. Cost is free to attend. The event is for students interested in STEM careers, health professionals wanting more information about cord blood collections, and hospital administrators and policy makers to understand the current status of the cord blood industry.

Location:

Desert Willow Conference Center
4340 East Cotton Center Blvd
Phoenix, Arizona 85040

For more information visit www.savethecordfoundation.org.

Help prospective patients find you!



AOMA Members - Update Your Profile!

One of the benefits of AOMA membership is the **Find a Physician** public directory search. Make sure your practice information is up to date by logging in to your member profile on the AOMA website. When you do, prospective patients and potential referring physicians will be able to find you.

Need help updating your profile? Call the AOMA office at (602) 266-6699.

AOMA Calendar of Events - www.az-osteo.org

District Meetings - Through March 20, 2017
Awards Nomination Deadline - March 3, 2017
AOMA House of Delegates Resolutions Deadline - March 17, 2017
AOMA 95th Annual Convention - April 19 - 23, 2017
AOMA Board of Trustees Meeting - April 19, 2017
AOMA House of Delegates Meeting - April 21, 2017



Look sharp in your AOMA polo shirt! Available in the **AOMA store. Visit www.az-osteo.org to order today!**



Do you know someone who is not an AOMA member... and should be?

Membership in AOMA is an affordable vehicle to keep abreast of national and local issues, protect your professional practice, enhance your specialized skills, further your career, and be a part of the future of osteopathic medicine in Arizona.

Refer a new AOMA member and receive at \$100 credit. Go to www.az-osteo.org/Recruit
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