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Idaho Medical Association

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May 15, 2018

Sign On Now to Support the November Medicaid Expansion Ballot Initiative Idaho healthcare advocates have successfully gotten Medicaid expansion on the ballot for the November election! The next phase of the campaign is beginning immediately to ensure the initiative passes in November. The new campaign will be called "Idahoans for Health Care" and it will be a big tent, non-partisan effort designed to succeed with and for Idahoans.

We've asked for your help before and we need it again. It is critical that there be a significant show of support for this effort from the physician community very early in the initiative campaign. In statewide campaigns, momentum is everything.

If you haven't already done so, please go to <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/IdahoInitiativeSupport> and spend one minute filling out the form to authorize us to put your name on the public list of supporters of the Idahoans for Health Care ballot initiative.

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APRNAC Representatives Needed The Board of Medicine nominates physicians to be appointed by the Board of Nursing to the Advanced Practice Registered Nurse Advisory Committee (APRNAC).

These Board of Medicine representatives serve three-year terms on the APRNAC. The Committee meets quarterly with some meetings in Boise by the airport and some via conference call. There will be two openings for these Board representatives beginning July 2018.

If you are interested, please submit a letter and curriculum vita or resume to Anne Lawler at the Board of Medicine (anne.lawler@bom.idaho.gov) by May 31, 2018.

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CEO, IMA

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The Idaho Medical Association Welcomes New Members A warm welcome to these physicians who have recently joined the IMA:

Sonya T. Blizzard, MD, Ophthalmology, Coeur d'Alene
 Gregory R. Keese, MD, Hand Surgery, Orthopedic Surgery, Coeur d'Alene
 John S. Lukens, MD, Family Medicine, Orofino
 Renee Umbdenstock, MD, Anesthesiology, Coeur d'Alene

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ECHO Idaho Launched The University of Idaho and WWAMI Medical Education Program are proud to announce the launch of ECHO Idaho. Project ECHO (Extension for Community Healthcare Outcomes) is a learning and guided practice model led by expert teams who use video conferencing to conduct virtual clinics with community providers. In this way, primary care physicians, nurses and other clinicians learn to provide specialty care to patients in their own communities. Sessions consist of a brief lecture as well as a review and discussion of patient cases submitted by clinic participants.

With support from the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare Statewide Healthcare Innovation Plan, ECHO Idaho launched its first virtual teleECHO clinic in March 2018 focusing on Opioid Addiction and Treatment.

ECHO Idaho Opioid Addiction and Treatment Clinic sessions are held every other Thursday from 12:15 – 1:15 MT. Enrollment is free, open to all healthcare providers and no-cost continuing medical education credits are available to participants. Even though the clinic has already begun, it's not too late to join. To learn more and enroll in the clinic visit: www.uidaho.edu/echo, email: echoidaho@uidaho.edu, or call: 208-364-4698.

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QPP Group Eligibility Status Now Available The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) has announced that physician practices/groups may now log into the CMS QPP website at

<https://qpp.cms.gov/login> to check their 2018 eligibility for Medicare's Merit-based Incentive Payment System (MIPS). After groups log in, they will be able to click into a details screen to see the eligibility status of every clinician in the group (based on their National Provider Identifier or NPI) to find out whether they need to participate during the 2018 performance year for MIPS. Unfortunately, CMS will not be sending out letters to advise physicians of their eligibility status this year so checking on the QPP participation status look-up tool is the only way to determine or verify eligibility status.

Eligibility rules in 2018 are different than in 2017 so status this year may be different than last. Also, as is indicated in the look-up tool, exempt individual clinicians still will need to report if their group is eligible and chooses to report as a group. The look-up tool can be found at <https://qpp.cms.gov/participation-lookup>.

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Richard McLandress, MD Receives 2018 WWAMI Alumni Award Idaho WWAMI presented IMA member Richard McLandress, MD with the 2018 WWAMI Alumni Award for Excellence in Mentoring, Teaching, Leadership and Patient Care.

Dr. McLandress is the seventh recipient of this award, nominated and chosen by colleagues across the state. "Recipients of this award are chosen based on their commitment to giving back through teaching and mentoring new physicians and students, as well as acting as leaders in their profession and community," said Mary Barinaga, MD, assistant dean for regional affairs at the University of Washington School of Medicine. "Dr. McLandress exhibits all these qualities and more."

Dr. McLandress is a family physician who has practiced in Coeur d'Alene since 1977. He earned his MD degree from the University of Washington in 1974 and was elected into Alpha Omega Alpha, the national Honor Medical Society. In 1977, he completed his family medicine residency training at the Family Medicine Residency, University of Washington School of Medicine in Spokane.

After residency, he created Family Medicine Coeur d'Alene along with his lifelong friends and partners, Mike Dixon, Neil Nemec and later, Robert McFarland.

In 2013, with support from Kootenai Health, he transitioned the practice to become the Kootenai Health Family Medicine Coeur d'Alene Residency. Between faculty members and residents, the residency has 28 physicians and four nurse practitioners treating patients in northern Idaho. In June 2017, the first class to join the program graduated and three of the six graduates remained in Idaho to practice medicine.

"I feel humbled to receive this award," Dr. McLandress said. "I believe a commitment to teaching in medicine is a commitment to excellence. Our commitment as a community to the training and education of new physicians is a commitment to excellence in medical care."

Congratulations to Dr. McLandress for this well deserved recognition of his passion and leadership in helping Idaho to educate its future physicians.

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Registration is Open for the 2018 IMA Annual Meeting! Join us this summer in beautiful Sun Valley! Bring your ideas and energy to the Idaho Medical Association's Annual Meeting August 3-5. The House of Delegates helps shape IMA policy on legislative priorities and direction on issues that affect you and your patients. But we can't do it without YOU! Registration and meeting details are available on the IMA website at www.idmed.org and registration brochures will be mailed to IMA members soon.

Did you know that Annual Meeting registration fees are included with your IMA membership dues? Along with free registration, if you take advantage of the stipend for travel or lodging expenses offered by many of the local societies, the majority of your costs could be covered. Contact us if you have questions regarding local society stipends at 208-344-7888 or rebecca@idmed.org.

In addition, this year the IMA will be recognizing the society that recruits the highest percentage of delegates for their society! Be sure to represent your region and help your society meet its delegate representation goals.

Make your room reservations now. Now's the time to make your reservation and take advantage of conference rates at the Sun Valley Resort. Reserve your room online at <https://www.sunvalley.com/lodging#/groups/IMAM2018> or call 1-800-786-8259 and reference IMA room block code IMA7888. Our room block will be released July 2 and the resort tends to sell out during the summer months.

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Idaho Chapter – American College of Emergency Physicians (ICEP)
presents

1st Annual Idaho Emergency Medicine Conference

September 21-23, 2018
Limelight Hotel, Ketchum

Please join your Idaho colleagues at the 1st Annual Idaho Emergency Medicine Conference on September 21-23, 2018!

Enjoy a weekend of fun, camaraderie, and CME. Morning educational sessions allow for afternoons of world class mountain biking, fishing, and hiking with your colleagues from around the region. Keynote speaker Corey Slovis, MD is one of the best emergency medicine speakers in the country. Optional ultrasound courses on Saturday.

The meeting agenda and registration information can be found at: <http://bit.ly/ICEP2018>.

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Medical Practice Opportunities

Family Practice – Boise, Idaho

Boise ID has a thriving, well-established 19 year family practice for sale. Specialty focus is on bio-identical hormone replacement. Physician is willing to train new owner. The sale is a turn-key business with an all cash practice and 100 percent fee-for-service.

For information, email: windyriverranch1@gmail.com.

Large, Independent Multi-Specialty Group Looking to Grow Nampa, Meridian, Boise and Caldwell, Idaho Full-Time

Saltzer Medical Group (SMG) is seeking growth opportunities with other like-minded physicians interested in joining an independent, multi-specialty practice in Idaho's Treasure Valley. Current specialties include Family Practice, Internal Medicine, OB/GYN, Pediatrics, Neurology, Ophthalmology, Orthopedics, Pulmonology, Rheumatology, Sleep Medicine and Urgent Care. Opportunities exist for Primary Care and Specialty Physicians, as well as Advanced Practice Providers, to join a well-established group of 50 plus providers.

SMG is an independent physician-led, professionally managed, large multi-specialty practice with six locations in Nampa, Meridian, Boise and Caldwell, Idaho. SMG was established in 1961 by Dr. Joseph Saltzer and the friendly, patient-oriented approach that characterized his practice is still faithfully adhered to, even in these technologically advanced times.

Contact: Vicki Tyler at 208-463-3158 or vdt Tyler@saltzemed.com for additional information.

Board-Certified Family Physician

Initial Point Family Medicine is recruiting a board-certified family physician to join our dynamic and rapidly growing practice. We focus on providing innovative, high value and low volume care in a private practice setting. We have a business model that is better for our providers and patients by offering care through FFS or a direct care membership. Email us at markgraj@gmail.com.

BC/BE Clinical Gastroenterologist Nampa, Idaho Full-Time

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SMG is seeking a BE/BC Gastroenterologist to work in our on-site Endoscopy Suite. Candidate would be assuming a mature practice and join a well-established, multi-specialty independent practice in Idaho's Treasure Valley. The practice offers a competitive salary with incentive and comprehensive benefits, along with a strong referral base within the practice.

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Primary Health Medical Group, Boise

Primary Health Medical Group (PHMG) is hiring full-time board certified/eligible FAMILY PHYSICIANS for OUTPATIENT FAMILY MEDICINE positions in Boise, Nampa, and Meridian, Idaho. Our clinics are based on a patient centered medical home model that gives the family doctor the support and time that encourages trusting relationships with their patients. Family physicians work 4-4.5 days per week and hospital call is 1 out of every 20 nights consisting of nurse triaged phone calls with no visits to the hospital.

URGENT CARE positions are also available for FAMILY PHYSICIANS, PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS or NURSE PRACTITIONERS – Our ideal candidate would be board certified/eligible. Urgent care positions require the provider to work approximately 14 twelve-hour shifts per month and be comfortable with the fast paced environment of an urgent care clinic. Our clinics are based on a combination clinic that has urgent care and appointment family medicine practice at the same site. Urgent care and appointment providers work together to address the patients' episodic and chronic care problems. Must be willing to work some weekends and twelve hour shifts.

Primary Health is an independent, predominantly primary care medical group with 15 clinics (soon to be 17) and more than 300,000 patient visits per year. A leader in implementing quality programs, PHMG has been using electronic health records since 2007. Physicians follow evidence-based guidelines and engage with patients in innovative ways to promote wellness. PHMG has received local and national recognition for providing efficient, quality care. Primary Health has been voted among the top 10 Best Places to Work in Idaho, and employee turnover is low. The group provides a supportive environment where family doctors develop lasting relationships with patients and enjoy a schedule that allows time to experience the many activities Idaho has to offer. Providers also have the opportunity to invest in the medical group and become an owner.

PHMG offers the following benefits to all full time physicians: – Medical and dental insurance with PHMG covering roughly 95% of the premium. – Group life insurance with options to voluntarily buy-up – A generous own occupation/own specialty long term disability policy – \$500 worth of free services in our own clinics for the physician and his/her family (per year) – A 401(k) plan with a guaranteed match – Payment for malpractice insurance, licensing fees, professional memberships and CME. PHMG offers a strong benefits package and very competitive salaries. A detailed summary of our benefits may be found on our website www.primaryhealth.com.

To place a Medical Practice Opportunities Classified Advertisement, please contact:
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