Welcome to our new members!

Scott Callaghan, DO
Neurology
Southcoast Health

Troy Murphy, DO
Family Medicine
Southcoast Health

Mikhail Novikov, MD
Nephrology
Nephrology & Hypertension Medical Associates

Masood Ahmed, MD
Merit Annual Meeting

Where: Mercer Auditorium – Hoskins Building
1250 E. 66th Street, Savannah GA, 31404
(Just off the Memorial Health campus)

Time:
Networking begins @ 5:45p
Opening Remarks @ 6:15p
Presentations @ 6:30p
Merit Update @ 7:30p
Wrap Up / Adjourn @ 8p

Details & tentative agenda to come!

Add event to calendar
- Apple
- Google
- Outlook
- Outlook.com
- Yahoo

Legislative Update
Bills: Still Alive

Out of Network Reform – SB 359 by Sen. Chuck Hufstetler – Addresses surprise/out of network billing and reflects the collective efforts of the Medical Association of Georgia and a board coalition of physician specialties. *Awaiting House Committee Assignment*

APRN Protocol and Supervision (FORMERLY Independent Practice) – SB 351 by Sen. Renee Unterman – AMENDED to allow for expanded supervision only – no RXing authority – *Awaiting House Committee Assignment*

Please [click here](#) to read the full legislative update.

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**MIPS**

As of January 2, 2018, doctors and other eligible clinicians who are included in the Quality Payment Program have the ability to submit their 2017 performance data. **Practices have until March 31, 2018 to submit.** Please see below for how the final score is calculated.
**TCPI**

Join us at the Quality Improvement Workshop!

This year's QIW will focus on:

- Make Population Health Practical
- Reduce Unnecessary Utilization
- Improve Communications between Patients, Families, and Care Teams
- Setting Proper Benchmarks

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**News You Can Use**
Cigna to Buy Express Scripts in $67 Billion Deal
In a deal announced this morning, Cigna will buy the nation's number one pharmacy benefits manager Express Scripts in a deal worth about $67 billion of cash, stock, and debt. Click here to read more.

Amazon, Berkshire Hathaway, JP Morgan Chase are set to change healthcare
The trio announced in statement that the three companies will be forming a joint venture to tackle the biggest problems in healthcare. Click here to read more.

House Funding Bill Includes TeleHealth, Meaningful Use Provisions
The short-term bill that will fund the government until March 23rd includes various provisions that promote aspects of Health IT. The bill includes the following: S. 870, H.R. 3120, H.R. 1148, H.R. 3727, H.R. 3164. To read more about these bills, click here.

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We are always looking for ways to improve the newsletter and the information we provide to you. If you have any comments, suggestions, or feedback, please let us know and contact us.

UPCOMING EVENTS
Merit Annual Meeting
April 17, 2018 @ 5:45pm

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