

June 2024 – MAFP News & Events

MAFP Family Medicine Mixers

All members and prospective members are invited to join us for MAFP's Regional Family Medicine Mixers! These gatherings provide a chance to get out and have fun while connecting and networking with fellow family physicians in your community. Whether you're within the region or beyond, you're welcome to attend any of these events.

- **Springfield – June 21st at 6:00 pm:** Join residents and students from our Transition to Practice Conference and swing into summer at BigShots Golf! Buffet dinner and golf included. *Event Sponsored by CoxHealth.*
- **Kansas City – July 31st at 6:00 pm:** Enjoy dinner with fellow family physicians at the Kansas City Zoo polar bear exhibit! Food and beverages will be provided.
- **St. Louis – August 22nd at 6:30 pm:** Trek through adventure at the St. Louis Zoo! Before the hike, we'll gather for light snacks at a central location outside the zoo.
- **Jefferson City – September 10th at 6:00 pm:** Sip and savor at Canterbury Hill Winery in! Enjoy wine and a dinner on the patio overlooking the Missouri State Capitol.

Members, prospective members, and children under 13 years old can attend at no cost. Guests are invited to attend for a \$50 fee. [Register Here.](#)

Transition to Practice Conference for Medical Students and Residents

All Missouri family medicine residents and medical students interested in family medicine are encouraged to attend the Transition to Practice Conference for Medical Students and Residents, **June 21-22, 2024** at The Oasis Hotel and Conference Center in Springfield, MO. With topics such as Practical Finance Tips, Contract Negotiations, Insights from Residency Directors, Exploring Various Practice Settings, a Procedures Workshop on Joint Injections and Implantable Contraception, and more, every participant will leave the conference armed with resources, ideas, and best practices to become a Missouri family physician. Attendees will also have a chance to meet with residency programs and recruiters during the Missouri Mingle. Registration for this conference is supported by the Family Health Foundation of Missouri and complimentary for MAFP members. More information and registration can be found at <https://www.mo-afp.org/transition-to-practice/>.

Upcoming Virtual CME Sessions

Members are encouraged to visit www.mo-afp.org/cme-events/virtual-cme to register for upcoming Virtual CME sessions and view information from the Virtual CME sessions that have already been delivered.

Upcoming sessions cover topics such as Breastfeeding, Artificial Intelligence, Value-Based Care, and Dermatology. Recorded sessions with videos and informational slides are available on

previous sessions including *MAFP 2024 Advocacy and Legislative Review*, *Harm Reduction Strategies for Patients with Opioid Use Disorder*, *Coronary CT in Chest Pain: A Paradigm Shift*, *A Comprehensive Guide to STD Management*, and *How Sick Are Your Patients? Reflecting Patient Disease Burden Using the HCC Risk Adjustment Model*.

Please be aware CME can only be claimed by those who pre-register and view these sessions Live.

Identifying and Managing ADHD with Co-occurring Conditions FREE Webinar

The American Academy of Pediatrics is hosting a FREE virtual session on Identifying and Managing ADHD with Co-occurring Conditions on June 11, 2024, 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. (central). The course will also be available on demand through June 10, 2027.

This course will support pediatricians, physicians, and other health care clinicians with practical knowledge and resources to better identify and manage ADHD that co-occurs with other conditions. Through this course, pediatric health care providers will learn about common conditions that co-occur with or have similar symptoms with ADHD and consideration for ADHD treatment and management in the context of these conditions. This course is a follow-up to a current PediaLink course, *Identifying and Caring for Children and Adolescents with ADHD*, focused on description of ADHD, prevalence, identification, treatment, and collaborative management. To learn more or to register, [click here](#).

Health Care Administration, Leadership, and Management (HALM) Subspecialty Available

The American Board of Medical Specialties has approved a new subspecialty in Health Care Administration, Leadership, and Management (HALM). The American Board of Family Medicine (ABFM) is a co-sponsoring board and will be offering a Certificate of Added Qualification (CAQ) starting in 2024. The registration for the November qualifying examination launched on May 17 and will close on July 22, 2024. The first HALM qualifying examination, administered by the American Board of Emergency Medicine, will be offered online from November 11-26, 2024. A detailed examination blueprint can be [found here](#).

By focusing on complex areas of systems and talent management with large bodies of literature, the CAQ will provide focused, enhanced learning opportunities to family physicians who want to improve their practice system while tailoring their continuing certification experience to important parts of their careers. The CAQ may also enable qualifying family physicians to grow in their leadership roles and provide portability of a leadership credential to different systems and settings. Strategically, ABFM hopes this CAQ will help enhance the positioning of family physicians as leaders in their health care organizations.

For more information, [visit our FAQ page](#). For questions about the registration process, examination dates, or any other logistical or technical issues, email halm@theabfm.org. For

questions about potential eligibility or other requirements, email David Price, MD at dprice@theabfm.org.

Nominate a Colleague: Annual Healthcare Awards

The Missouri Council for Activity and Nutrition is seeking nominations for their annual healthcare awards. These awards seek to recognize a pre-professional/student in addition to a healthcare professional who are working hard to promote physical activity and nutrition among Missouri communities. The deadline is **June 7, 2024**.

Nomination forms can be found at extension.missouri.edu/programs/mocan/mocan-healthcare-awards.

AAFP Shares Recommendations with Congress to Avoid Future Cyberattacks in Health Care

The AAFP [shared recommendations](#) with the House Energy and Commerce Subcommittee ahead of its April hearing “Examining Health Sector Cybersecurity in the Wake of the Change Healthcare Attack.” The cyberattack on Change Healthcare has had far-reaching implications for family physicians and other providers of health care services, affecting their ability to receive payments and perform everyday business functions that are essential to the delivery of care to patients. In their letter, they point out three considerations that Congress should explore as they pursue future legislation to strengthen the health care infrastructure to avoid another major attack:

- Improving ease of access and affordability of cybersecurity insurance, especially for small, physician-owned practices
- Understanding and fortifying the resiliency of our nation’s health care infrastructure
- Addressing the impacts of industry consolidation and lack of oversight on the health care infrastructure that supports delivering care to patients, especially those related to administrative functions that do not improve the quality or value of patient care

Medicaid Final Rules Improve Access to Care

Medicaid payment rates are typically lower than Medicare rates and vary by state. Payment is one issue that influences clinician participation and beneficiary access in Medicaid. The AAFP urged the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to advance proposals to improve rate transparency in both the [Medicaid Fee-For-Service \(FFS\)](#) and [Medicaid Managed Care](#) Access rules. The AAFP is pleased that CMS finalized requirements for states to publicly post provider payment rates. This will enable policymakers, clinicians, and other stakeholders to more easily compare Medicare, Medicaid FFS, and Medicaid managed care payments by service and identify disparities.

Additionally, the AAFP is encouraged that CMS is establishing appointment wait time standards for Medicaid patients and requirements for states to post standardized quality measures about plans – proposal the AAFP supported to improve beneficiary experience.

Pediatric Mental Health Grant and Initiatives

The AAFP was recently awarded a \$20,000 grant from the American Academy of Pediatrics to provide continuing medical education on pediatric mental health and support members in providing care to their patients. The July-September issue of the *Missouri Family Physician* magazine will have an article on pediatric depression, and we will host a FREE two-hour virtual CME session on pediatric mental health (final focus area TBA). We have created a page on our website with [important resources](#) related to various pediatric mental health issues for you to access.

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