

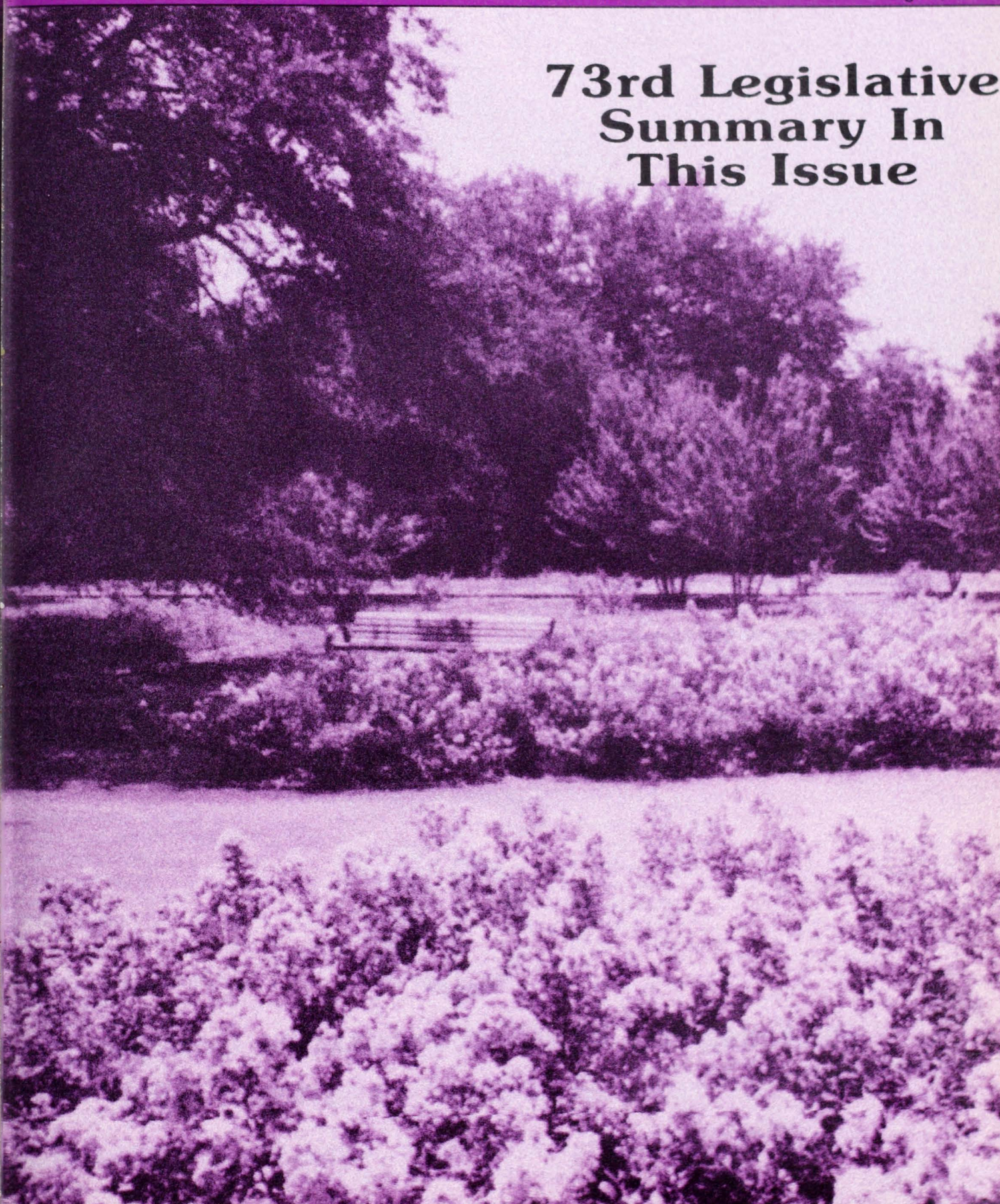
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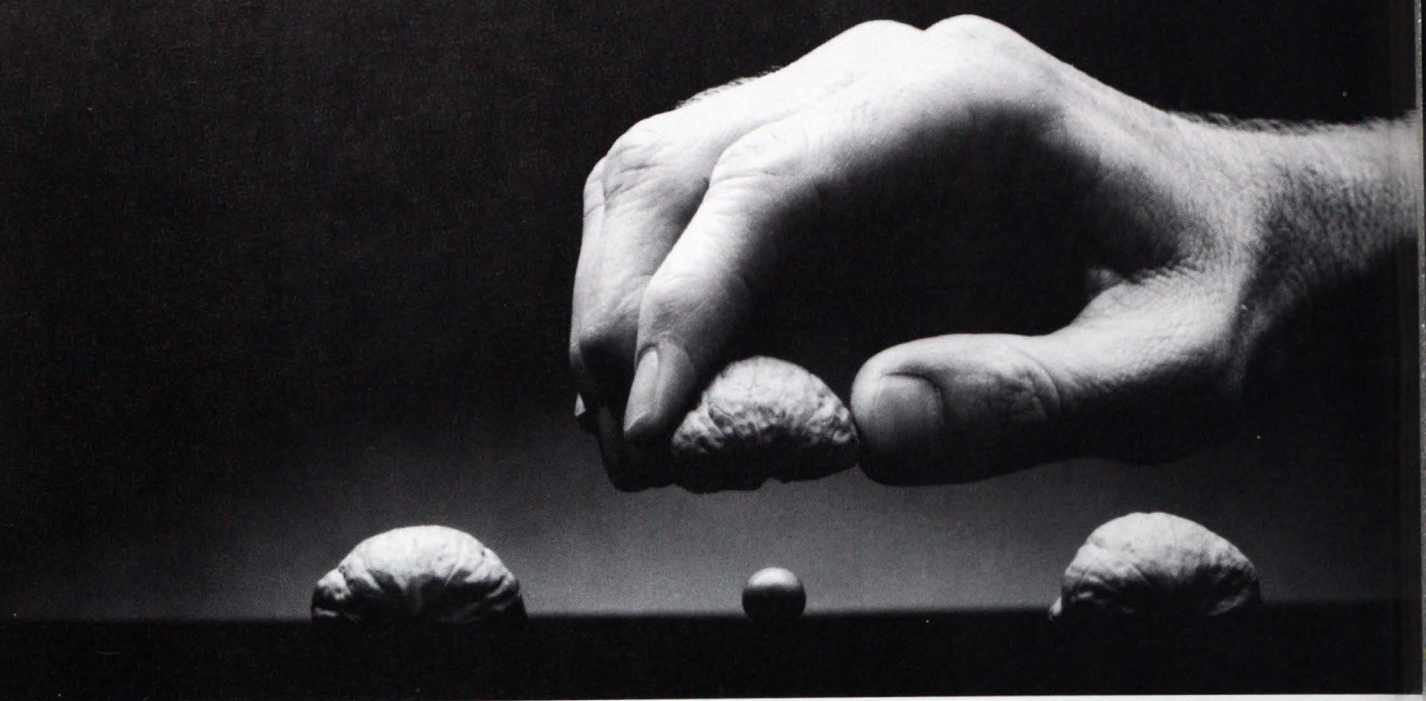
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## Calendar of Events

### AUGUST

11-15

*"Primary Care Update"*

Alabama Osteopathic Medical  
Association

Location: Sandestin Beach Hilton  
Destin, Florida

Hours: 26 Category 1-A

Contact: Diane Pasker, Executive Dir.  
Alabama Osteopathic  
Medical Association  
P.O. Box 240248  
Montgomery, AL 36124-0248

22-27

*"New Advances in Internal Medicine:  
Clinical Applications"*

Location: Hyatt Regency,  
Monterey, California

Hours: 25 Hours Category 1  
25 Hours AAFP

Contact: Office of Continuing  
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### SEPTEMBER

9-12

*"Intensive Geriatric Review Course"*

Location: Hyatt Hotel  
Cherry Hill, New Jersey

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American College of  
Osteopathic Family  
Physicians

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10-12

*Florida Osteopathic Medical  
Association Midyear Seminar*

Location: Hyatt Regency Westshore  
Tampa, Florida

Hours: 20 Hours Category 1A  
anticipated plus  
Five hours of Risk Man-  
agement and Three hour  
HIV/AIDS

Contact: FOMA  
2007 Apalachee Parkwa  
Tallahassee, Florida 323  
(904) 878-7364

11-13

*OPSC 4th Annual Mid-Year Semi-  
"Who's Minding the Medical Stor"*

Location: Huntington Beach, Calif

Hours: 17 Category 1 CME Cr

Contact: Osteopathic Physicians  
Surgeons of Californ  
455 Capitol Mall,  
Suite 225  
Sacramento, CA 95814  
(916) 477-2004,  
Fax (916) 447-4328

### October

1-3

*"Primary Care Update X"*

Sponsored by TCOM  
Location: Texas College of Osteopa  
Medicine  
3500 Camp Bowie Blvd  
Fort Worth, Texas 7610

Hours: 18 CME Hours —  
Category 1-A, AOA

Contact: Pam McFadden, Progra  
Director  
(817) 735-2581

10-14

*AOA Annual Convention*

Location: Boston, Massachusetts

Contact: American Osteopathic  
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# Dr. John Burnett Honored at TOMA Convention



John H. Burnett, D.O., FACGP, of Dallas, was lauded for his outstanding contributions to the osteopathic profession during TOMA's recent convention in Austin.

During the meeting of the House of Delegates on May 12, then President Jerry Smola, D.O., stated, "You know, as President of the TOMA over the past year, it's been my privilege to get to a lot of really nice things. But nothing over the year can match the satisfaction and the privilege and the honor of being able to make the following presentation. I have a plaque that I would like to read to you here, honoring John Burnett, and I'd like to present it to John. From the Texas Osteopathic Medical Association. It

## *Presented to John H. Burnett, D.O.*

*"In the life of every successful organization are men and women who personify the very essence of that organization — who, by example, unknowingly perpetuate a spirit of hope. These people, although perhaps few in number, look beyond themselves when viewing the total picture. They accept large amounts of responsibility and share the beneficial results without thought of payment; they stimulate others to reach higher than they would have ordinarily thought possible; they exhibit such a high degree of dedication to their profession that others stand in awe. In a world that decries a lack of heroes, these people stand as the inspirations for the world's judgment.*

*"It is with these thoughts in mind that the members of the Texas Osteopathic Medical Association, through the Board of Trustees, take this time to acknowledge our secure standing in this small, but select, group of people, and extend a collective thank you for your years of commitment to the osteopathic profession. Now, more than ever, the profession and, indeed, the world, needs men of your stature. You have inspired others to look beyond their immediate confines and share your vision. It is with a sense of pride in our efforts that we point at you and say, 'He's a D.O.'"*

Additionally, Dr. Burnett was honored during TOMA's convention by the Texas State Society of the ACGP. During the group's breakfast meeting on May 14, he had the honor of cutting the birthday cake celebrating the birthday of the Texas ACGP.

The Texas ACGP then presented Dr. Burnett with a parchment framed print of Theodore Roosevelt,

inscribed with one of President Roosevelt's famous quotes. The inscription read:

*"The credit belongs to the man who is actively in the arena, who strives valiantly; who knows the great enthusiasms, the great devotions, and spends himself in a worthy cause; who at the best, knows the triumph of high achievement; and who, at the worst, if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly, so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who know neither victory nor defeat."*

Born in Abilene in 1921, Dr. Burnett graduated in 1952 from the Kansas City College of Osteopathic Medicine (now known as the University of Health Sciences, College of Osteopathic Medicine).

He has been a practicing osteopathic physician in Dallas and a TOMA member since 1954, receiving TOMA life membership in 1990. He has served TOMA as president; as a member of the House of Delegates; as a board member; on the Executive Committee; and on countless committees throughout the years. Dr. Burnett has maintained his membership in TOMA District V, of which he is a past president.

Nationally, Dr. Burnett has served as president of the American Osteopathic Association; as a member of the AOA House of Delegates; member of the AOA Board of Trustees; and as member of numerous AOA committees. He has been active in the American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians (ACOFP), of which he is a past president. He was twice honored as "GP of the Year" by the ACOFP and again by the Texas State Society of the ACGP. Several years ago, a section of the ACOFP headquarters was transformed into a learning center, dedicated to Dr. Burnett and his wife, Mary Burnett, D.O. This tribute was in honor of their many years of faithful service to the profession.

Dr. Burnett has been active in the Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine and in 1984, both he and his wife received Founders' Medals, TCOM's highest award for contributions to medical education and health care. He has served as a member of the Texas Medical Foundation; the Texas State Board of Medical Examiners; his local Dallas hospitals; and the list goes on.

In 1966, during his speech as outgoing TOMA President, Dr. Burnett stated, "I hope you agree with me that it is well sometimes to take a broader look at the world before us — at some of the prospects for the future and the role we can best play in it. Our failure to do so may mean we will become passive observers rather than active participants."

We salute Dr. Burnett for his years of active participation. They have immeasurably enriched this great profession known as osteopathic medicine. ■



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*Thomas Christopher Curtis, D.O.*

## **Brooke Army Medical Center**

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San Antonio, TX 78234  
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*Philip Rene Roberts, D.O.*  
*Joe Lease Sellers, III, D.O.*  
*George K. Wilcox, D.O.*

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Birmingham, AL 35206  
*Thomas Edward Lockard, D.O.*

## **Children's Medical Center — Dallas**

1935 Motor Street  
Dallas, TX 75235  
*David Alan Gray, D.O.*

## **Cleveland Clinic Foundation**

9500 Euclid Avenue  
Cleveland, OH 44195  
*Jerry Wayne Green, D.O.*

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274 East Chicago Street  
Coldwater, MI 49036-2088  
*Carlos Mario Garcia, D.O.*

## **E. A. Conway Hospital**

P.O. Box 1881  
Monroe, LA 71210  
*Gary Wayne Lowder, D.O.*

## **Cuyahoga Falls General Hospital**

1900 23rd Street  
Cuyahoga Falls, OH 44223  
*Karen Harris Rickert, D.O.*

## **Dallas Family Hospital**

2525 South Hampton Road  
Dallas, TX 75224-3026  
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## **Doctor's Hospital**

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Groves, TX 77619  
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*David Noe Barrera, D.O.*  
*Huy Xuan Duong, D.O.*

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*Alan Wayne Elliott, D.O.*  
*Edward Jose Escobar, D.O.*  
*Paul Matthew Muratta, D.O.*

## **Texas Tech University Health Science Center — Lubbock**

**University Medical Center**  
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Lubbock, TX 79430  
*Ronald Lynn Cook, D.O.*

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Dallas, TX  
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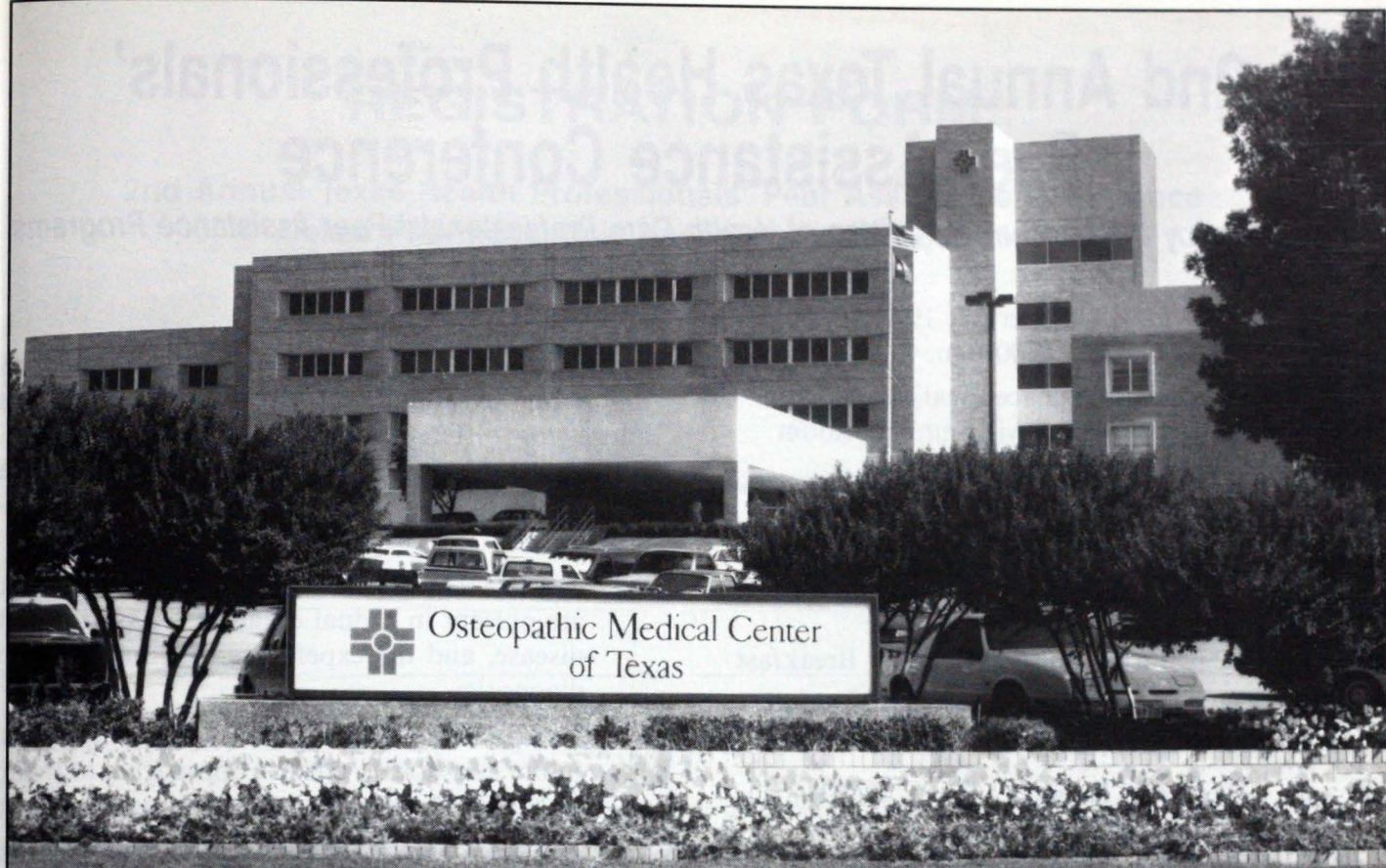
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# 2nd Annual Texas Health Professionals' Peer Assistance Conference

*Presented by the Liaison Committee of Health Care Professionals' Peer Assistance Programs*

**Date and Time:** Friday, October 22, 1993  
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

**Location:** Texas Pharmaceutical Association  
Bergen-Brunswig Seminar Room  
1624 East Anderson Lane  
Austin, Texas

## Program

- 8:00 a.m. Registration and Continental Breakfast  
Morning Moderator: Robert O. Hull, Th.M., LCDC, Dallas
- 8:30 a.m. Welcome: Robert O. Hull, Th.M., LCDC, Dallas
- 8:45 a.m. Dual Diagnosis: Carlos W. Davis, Ph.D., Dallas
- 9:30 a.m. Personal Story of a Nurse With Dual Diagnosis: Candice Utley, R.N., B.S.N., San Antonio
- 10:15 a.m. Break
- 10:30 a.m. Creative Approaches to Treatment in the Future: Frances B. Hamm, M.A.LCDC, NCAC II, Austin
- 11:15 a.m. Panel — Back To Work Issues: Jerry T. Davis, D.O., Fort Worth; Perry H. Peterson, D.P.M., Marble Falls; Herbert C. Munden, Jr., M.D., Austin; Chris Good, R.Ph., Center Point
- 12:30 p.m. Lunch  
Afternoon Moderator: Jim Zukowski, Ed.D., Austin
- 1:30 p.m. The Disease Concept: Herbert C. Munden, Jr., M.D., Austin
- 2:30 p.m. Break
- 2:45 p.m. Drug Screening: David L. Black, Ph.D., DABFT, DABCC, Nashville, Tennessee
- 4:00 p.m. Questions and Answers (All Speakers)
- 4:45 p.m. Program Wrap-up
- 5:00 p.m. Adjournment

## Goal

To aid health care professionals in developing new, improving existing, peer professional programs addressing different aspects that must be taken in consideration in order to have an effective program

## Objectives

1. Registrants will gain knowledge of what symptoms are present in a dual diagnosis, ways to treat the disease, and the experience of a nurse with dual diagnosis;
2. The audience will receive insight into what the future may hold in creative approaches to treatment of chemically dependent health professionals;
3. A panel of health care professionals will discuss experiences encountered when they returned to the practice of their profession; and
4. An expert will discuss the pros and cons of drug screening as part of monitoring of recovering individuals.

## Who Should Attend

Health care professionals who work directly with peer professional programs or who are interested in impairment, treatment, and return to practice issues will benefit from attending this conference.

## Registration Information

To pre-register, please mail the conference registration form, along with your check, no later than October 1, 1993. Notification of registration cancellation must be received in writing to obtain a refund. A \$50 fee will be charged after October 15.

## Housing Information

A block of rooms at a special rate of \$69 (single or double) has been set aside for program registrants from Thursday, October 21, at the Red Lion Hotel, 6121 IH 35 at U.S. 290. The hotel is approximately a ten minute drive away from the meeting site. Reservations may be made by telephone at (512) 323-5466. To receive the special rate, you will need to identify yourself as a conference registrant. The hotel will honor reservations until October 7. Reservations made after this date will be on a space available basis.



# REGISTRATION FORM

**2nd Annual Texas Health Professionals' Peer Assistance Conference**

**Texas Pharmaceutical Association Headquarters**

**1624 East Anderson Lane**

**Austin, Texas 78752**

**October 22, 1993**

Name of registrant(s) and mailing address(es) (please print or type):

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# New Food Labeling Regulations Issued

Under new FDA and U.S. Department of Agriculture regulations,<sup>1</sup> food labels will soon offer more complete and accurate nutrition information to help consumers plan healthy diets. USDA governs labeling for meat and poultry products; all other products are under FDA's jurisdiction.

Manufacturers have until May 1994 to comply with most of FDA's new labeling requirements, although some changes may appear before then. The new labels will have the heading "Nutrition Facts" on the top of the nutrition panel. About 90 percent of processed foods will now have to carry nutrition information.

The changes came about, in part, as a result of the Nutrition Labeling and Education Act (NLEA) of 1990. That law, among other things requires nutrition labeling for most foods (except meat and poultry), and also authorizes appropriate FDA-approved health claims on food labels. Although foods regulated by USDA were not covered by NLEA, USDA has issued its own regulations, similar to FDA's, to ensure that all foods will be subject to the same labeling requirements.

Significant changes in the label include:

- nutrition information for almost all foods
- nutrient reference values, expressed as Percent of Daily Values based on a 2,000-calorie diet
- the amount per serving of saturated fat, cholesterol, fiber, and certain other nutrients

- uniform definitions for terms that describe a food nutrient content — such as "light," "fat-free," and "low calorie"

- scientifically supported health claims for several associations between particular nutrients or foods and the risk of diseases or health-related conditions — strict requirements for these claims will avoid overstatements

- standardized serving sizes (expressed in common household and metric measures)

- a list of ingredients on all processed foods, including colorings and other additives, to which some people may be allergic.

In conjunction with these food labeling reforms, FDA is developing a major public education campaign to help consumers use the new label information effectively. Part of that campaign will involve making educational materials available to health professionals so they can help their patients choose healthier, more nutritious foods.

## Reference

1. FDA: Food Labeling; General Provisions; Nutrition Labeling Label Format; Nutrient Content Claims; Health Claims; Ingredient Labeling; State and Local Requirements; and Exemptions; Final Rules. *Federal Register* 58(3), two books, 467-2300, 2301-2964, Jan 6, 1993. (Reprints of this document are available for \$4.50 a set from the U.S. Government Printing Office (GPO). Write to: Superintendent of Documents, Washington, DC 20402, or call (202) 783-3238. The GPO order number is 069-001-00045-9.)

## Dr. Donovan Butter New Chairman of Texas Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council

R. Donovan Butter, D.O., of San Antonio, has been elected chairman of the Texas Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council (TEMSAC). In 1988, Dr. Butter was appointed by the Texas Board of Health to serve on the TEMSAC for a six-year term, becoming the first D.O. to be appointed to this particular council.

The major role of the council is to provide recommendations to the Texas Board of Health concerning the rules and regulations governing emergency medical services in Texas.

A native Texan, Dr. Butter graduated summa cum laude from Southwest Texas State University, and received his D.O. degree in 1986 from Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine. He completed his internship at Corpus Christi Osteopathic Hospital, followed by postgraduate training at Brooke Army Medical Center and Driscoll Foundation Children's Hospital.

Prior to formal medical training, his experience included work as a paramedic and as a representative of the Texas Department of Health, where he developed the first EMS-Instructor curriculum in Texas.

Congratulations to Dr. Butter.

## Newsbrief

### PHYSICIANS ELECTED TO OIL BOWL HALL OF FAME

The Maskat Shrine Temple of Wichita Falls, Texas, recently elected the following physicians to the Oil Bowl Hall of Fame: the late Ted Alexander, Sr., D.O., Ted Alexander, Jr., D.O., Jerry Alexander, D.O., and Brian Hull, D.O., all of Wichita Falls. The physicians were elected for their many years of service to the Oil Bowl Football game.



# How do you treat severe paralysis of the paycheck?

**M**edical school probably covered everything except how to deal with a disability. It can happen to anyone. Even you. In fact, if you're 35 now, you have a 45 percent chance of becoming disabled before age 65.<sup>1</sup> Without disability insurance, that's a 45 percent chance your income could wind up in critical condition. Should disability strike, how long could you keep your home? Make car payments? Provide for your family?

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<sup>1</sup> 1985 Commissioner's Individual Disability Table-A, Seven-day Elimination Continuation Table. Rates are male only. Disability rates are higher for females.

<sup>2</sup> Life Insurance Marketing and Research Association, 1992 survey, individual, non-cancellable disability income insurance as measured in annualized premium in force, new paid annualized premium, new paid policies, and policies in force.

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# *A Letter from the President of TCOM*

June 25, 1993

Dear TCOM family members, friends and supporters,

A long-time dream of many people was realized June 6 when Gov. Ann Richards signed legislation redesignating our medical school as the University of North Texas Health Science Center at Fort Worth. This well-deserved change, to be effective Aug. 30, formally recognizes the synergistic bond that has existed for more than 20 years between Texas' sole osteopathic medical school and the fourth largest university in the state.

Because some of you may have questions about the meaning and implications of this redesignation, we prepared a publication that features an overview of the historical event, comments by several of our "family" members, some commonly asked questions and a brief timeline of TCOM's progress from "paper college" to health science center. As we get closer to the official celebration of our new status this fall, you will hear from us again.

Now is a special time to look back with pride on the hard work and support that you and so many others contributed to make this achievement possible. We still share a dream — of a health science center committed to excellence, unique in Texas because of its *osteopathic* heritage and focus — and each one of us is vital to accomplishing that vision.

We deeply appreciate the exceptional support of UNT/TCOM Chancellor Alfred F. Hurley, Ph.D., the UNT/TCOM Board of Regents, and the principal authors of this legislation, State Senator Mike Moncrief and State Representative Bill Carter, as well as the other members of the Tarrant County legislative delegation, all of whom signed on as cosponsors of the bill.

This is an exhilarating time. I hope you share our pride.

Sincerely,

David M. Richards, D.O.  
TCOM President

## **EDITOR'S NOTE:**

*The following are excerpts from the aforementioned publication:*



# Questions and Answers

*What's the difference between a medical school and a health science center?*

The Association of Academic Health Centers has stated the role and scope common to health science centers are education, research and health care delivery, which are the same defined for TCOM in its current mission statement.

TCOM's transition into a health science center has taken place many years. The action by the Legislature merely provides history and professional recognition of TCOM's longtime roles in both medical education and graduate biomedical sciences education.

A health science center has an advantage over stand-alone medical schools in competing for top faculty and students. It also provides access to new federal and private revenue sources. Also, the multidisciplinary programs of a health science center provide enriched training for students and better prepare them for lifelong careers in a rapidly changing health care environment.

*Are most medical schools part of a health science center?*

Yes. All six other state-supported medical schools in Texas are part of designated health science centers. Nationally, more than 80 percent of the 140 allopathic and osteopathic medical schools are linked to health science centers.

*What will happen to the Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine?*

Our 23-year-old osteopathic medical school will be the cornerstone of the health science center. The mission of the University of North Texas Health Science Center at Fort Worth will be rooted in TCOM's long-standing commitment to primary care and clinical service to those in need.

*Will TCOM retain its osteopathic identity?*

Yes. In fact, TCOM's osteopathic heritage, philosophy and identity will be strengthened through the health science center's focus on primary care and commitment to health promotion and disease prevention, hallmarks of osteopathic medicine. Considering the critical need for more primary care physicians, the college is well-positioned to benefit from changes resulting from the actions of local, state and national governments in response to health care delivery inadequacies.

*Who will head the health science center?*

The legislation states that the president of the health science center must be a licensed osteopathic physician. On June 22, the UNT/TCOM Board of Regents appointed David M. Richards, D.O., as the founding president of the health science center and UNT Chancellor Alfred F. Hurley, Ph.D., as chancellor of the center. Richards has served as TCOM president for the past seven years. Hurley has been chancellor of UNT and TCOM for 11 years.

*Will any new health science programs be offered?*

Currently, almost 100 percent of the instruction for UNT's program in graduate biomedical sciences is conducted on the TCOM campus by TCOM faculty. So, for all practical purposes, that program is already being taught at TCOM. We have submitted a request to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board for administrative authority over the graduate programs including the granting of M.S. and Ph.D. degrees).

While other programs have been considered, they are only areas to be explored right now. You could call them a road map. And, it could be years before we arrive at our ultimate destination. We have to consider all new programs in light of the changing

health care needs of our community and the rest of the state. Any new program will have to be approved by the coordinating board.

*Q: Will TCOM start granting M.D. degrees?*

A: No. The legislation specifically prohibits the granting of M.D. degrees.

*Q: Did changing to a health science center require more state funding?*

A: No. The legislation authorizing the redesignation as a health science center did not include any requests for additional funds. Existing funds, faculty and facilities will be used. However, health science centers can provide access to new revenue sources through collaborative research studies and drug trials. Our elevated status also may enhance our competitiveness for private funding. As a health science center, we also can achieve cost savings from the shared use of administrative services and academic programs.

*Q: When does the name change become effective?*

A: August 30, 1993. As an institution, however, we will mark the name change with a gala celebration later in the year.

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"I would never have dreamed that we would make this much progress in a little more than 20 years. This is such a major step in TCOM's development that right now it's hard to comprehend all the advantages. The osteopathic profession will certainly benefit from the added recognition. It makes me feel good to see us making positive changes."

— Carl E. Everett, D.O.  
TCOM Co-founder



"The University of North Texas is a major university, and the designation will help TCOM receive additional recognition throughout the country. Despite these changes, our medical school is not going away. We will still be the singular source for an osteopathic medical degree in Texas."

— George J. Luibel, D.O.  
TCOM Co-founder



"Getting your medical degree from a health science center makes the degree, the experience and the education more viable in today's society. Learning medicine is more than just attending medical school. At a health science center, every student benefits from a more well-rounded experience."

— David Wasserman  
Class of '95  
President, TCOM Student Government Association



"This is great news! I think our affiliation with the University of North Texas was a major stepping stone, and to become a health science center will only increase our identity as a leader in medical education. It will strengthen our osteopathic heritage and philosophy of health promotion, disease prevention and care for the sick. I hope all 1,400-plus alumni will take pride in this great change and join us this fall for the official celebration."

— Dale Brancel, D.O.  
Class of '80  
President, TCOM Alumni Association



# What's Happening In Washington D.C.

- **SFC On Board.** The Senate Finance Committee has now approved a version of the new tax package. This version contains a number of changes from the package previously passed by the House. It is now up to the Conference Committee, who will pound out a compromise this summer.
- **Capital Gains Up.** The Senate version would increase the capital gains rate for those with taxable incomes over \$250,000. The rate would go up to 29.4% in '93 and 30.8% in '94. Why the jump? Some feel that the spread between the capital gains rate and the new higher ordinary rates needs to be narrowed for the rich.
- **Small Business Write-offs** Present law allows small businesses to expense \$10,000 or capital improvements each year. The House version would bump the number to \$25,000, while the Senate would increase the lid to \$15,000.
- **Rate Phase-In.** The increased tax rates would be phased in over two years under the Senate version. The '93 rates would be 33.5% for those with taxable incomes over \$140,000 and 35.3% for those with taxable incomes over \$250,000. The rates will jump to 36% and 39.6% in '94.
- **Higher Social Security Tax Hit.** Currently, 50% of social security benefits paid to couples with taxable incomes in excess of \$32,000 (\$25,000 for singles) are taxable. Both the House and Senate versions would increase the taxable rate to 85%, but the Senate would increase the income threshold to \$40,000 for couples and \$32,000 for singles.
- **BTU Tax Out.** The Senate version would eliminate the proposed energy BTU tax. Instead, the Senate would simply increase the tax on gasoline and other transportation fuels about 4.3 cents a gallon and substantially reduce Medicare and Medicaid reimbursements.
- **The Doctors' Response.** The medical community says the reductions in Medicare and Medicaid reimbursements will result in higher fees for other patients. They claim that it is simply another technique for redistributing wealth among health care users.
- **Interest Rate Bonanza.** The Administration recently confirmed that if interest rates stay at their current level, the deficit will be reduced by billions of dollars in the form of interest savings. Ironically, having a \$4 trillion deficit means big budget savings when interest rates are below projections.
- **A New 7% Payroll Tax?** That may be the price tag that small businesses will have to pay for health care reform, according to some Washington insiders. As the dust settles on tax reform, health care will move to center stage.
- **Bogus Numbers.** During the Presidential campaign last year, we heard that tens of billions of dollars could be raised by making foreign-controlled corporations pay their share of U.S. income taxes. A recent study has confirmed that these estimates were grossly overstated.
- **A Thirty Year Look Back.** Approximately 5.1% of individual taxpayers had their federal returns audited thirty years ago. The individual audit rate has dropped to less than one percent in each of the last two years. Some members of Congress would like to see more audits. The IRS says that more audit activity requires more funding.
- **Middle Class Left Out?** Although the proposed tax and spending package does nothing for the middle class, tax cuts for middle America are still being promised. President Clinton recently promised the cuts before the end of his current term.
- **Who Cares?** A recent AP Poll found that there is little enthusiasm among taxpayers for the Clinton tax plan. Only 42% favored the plan; 32% opposed it and nearly 50% said it would fail to have any real impact on the government deficit.
- **Creative Opposition.** Citizens for A Sound Economy are opposing the energy tax by sending them underwear to each member of Congress. The message is that next winter citizens will need the underwear to keep warm as a result of new energy taxes.

If you would like more information on this issue, call us at 817-335-3214.

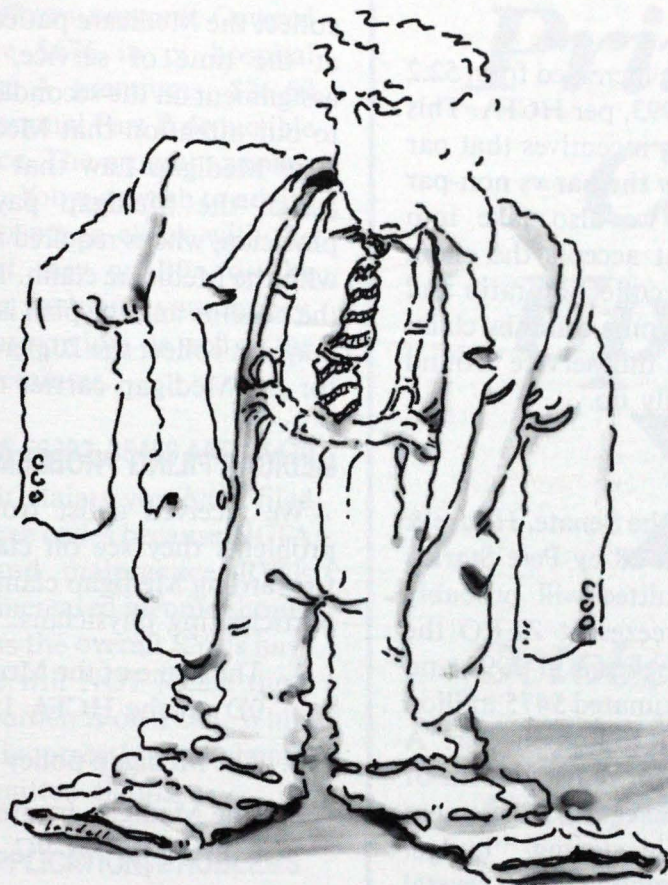
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# Self's Tips & Tidings

*Don Self, Medical Consultants of Texas*

## MEDICARE PAR RATE FOR 1993

The rate of participating providers increased from 52.2 percent in 1992 to 59.8 percent in 1993, per HCFA. This 7.6 percent increase is attributed to incentives that par docs get. Each year when we review the par vs non-par options for all retainer clients, we also take into consideration how often the client accepts the claim assignment, the provider's current collection ratio and the decreasing difference in income on a claim by claim basis. We will once again perform this service around the end of November, as we usually do.

## 1994 MEDICARE CUTS & INCREASES

With the Democrats controlling the Senate, House & White House, the bill passed April 28 by Pete Stark's Ways & Means Health Subcommittee will probably become law this year. The bill freezes at ZERO the inflation update providers would receive in 1994 and 1995. This is expected to save an estimated \$475 million in '94 Part B payments and \$2.1 billion in Part A payments. Since this bill also calls for reinstatement of EKG interps and repeals the 5 percent - 20 percent reductions for new doctors, while staying "budget neutral," we can expect to see dramatic cuts in several areas to offset these increases. The bill still has to go through the full committee, which may result in changes, although we do not believe the Republicans will have the clout to do so.

## CLINTON'S FUTURE MEDICARE PAYMENTS

Unsurprising to all is President Clinton's reductions in Medicare payments, which sits in front of Congress at this time. If passed, pay rates for codes comprising 12 percent of provider payments would decrease by 15 percent OR MORE by 1996 (when the fee schedule is fully implemented). About 1 percent of the services would see reductions of 35 percent OR MORE, while diagnostic services would fall by 10 percent and global surgical procedures would drop 8 percent. With these anticipated reductions, you have to do all you can to ensure your income and reimbursements are maximized. One way of doing this is by sending us copies of claims and EOMBs each and every month. This is a part of our retainer service that only 50 percent of our retainer clients utilize.

## MODIFIER 22 & LIMITING CHARGES FOR NON-PAR PROVIDERS

In past issues of S.T.A.T., we have recommended you

collect the Medicare patient's co-insurance (20 percent) at the time of service, if you were not accepting assignment on the secondary policy. It has recently come to our attention that Medicare is phasing in slowly, 1989 Medigap Law that entitles patients the right to assign the Medigap payments to the participating physician, who is required to file the Medigap claim along with the Medicare claim. If the doc is par, the pt assigns the benefits and the plan is a true Medigap, the physician may not collect the 20 percent up front. They must wait for the Medigap carrier to send the 20 percent.

## MEDIGAP FILING PROBLEMS

We received a list from Medicare of the primary problems they see on claims that prevent them from forwarding Medigap claims to the Medigap carriers for participating physicians. Those reasons include:

1. The name of the Medigap insurer has to be in block 9D on the HCFA 1500.
2. The Medigap policy number has to be in block 9A.
3. The Medigap insurer's mailing address is helpful if listed in box 9C.
4. Block 13 must either be signed by the patient or have "SOF" to indicate Medigap benefits are assigned.
5. Block 12 must either be signed by the patient or have "SOF" to indicate Medicare benefits are assigned.

By ensuring these areas are completed, you will increase the odds of getting the co-payment and deductible payments within a reasonable time.

## FLU VACCINES & MEDICARE

As we reported last year, Medicare has had test coverage of Flu Vaccines in three states during 1992. This test has apparently been successful, as HCFA has just drafted coverage plans for flu vaccination coverage every 12 months, which may start later this year or at the start of 1994. The report reflects an estimated savings of \$108.5 million, annually, at a cost of \$57.7 million, which results in a \$51.2 million net savings, per year. The first areas of coverage will probably be for patients suffering from severe diabetic foot disease, per Donna Shalala (HHS Secretary). Once this is in place, we will probably start seeing flu vaccination coverage the same as we now have for pneumonia vaccines.



## **ME CARE/MEDICAID QMB PROGRAM**

HCFA recently mailed out 250,000 letters to low income Americans advising them that they may qualify for the *Qualified Medicare Beneficiary* program. Covered under the QMB program are \$676 in pt hospital deductible, \$221 monthly part A premiums, \$36.60 monthly Part B premium, \$100 annual Part B deductible nursing facility co-insurance. The program applies to patients eligible for Medicaid. You may wish to advise low income Medicare patients to check with the social security office to see if they qualify for the program. This makes it easier for you to get your money, as Medicaid picks up the patient portion, as well as the patient's monthly Medicare premiums.

## **HCFA RVU INCREASES FOR CODES 56302, 35459 AND 35470**

We recommend you resubmit claims you have filed since January 1 for the above three codes because HCFA has upgraded the practice and malpractice RVUs effective to Jan. 1, 1993. The increased income should be substantial for code 56302, as the overall RVUs have increased 50 percent. Medicare will NOT locate these claims paid incorrectly, so the burden is on YOU. While HCFA won't help you locate the incorrectly paid claims, you must reprocess any resubmitted claims.

## **HCFA-192 (SUPPLIER NUMBER APPLICATION) PROBLEMS**

The National Supplier Clearinghouse has reported that you may have had to return 50 percent of the HCFA-192 forms they have received, which are requests for a HCFA supplier number application. These applications are important in that providers supplying DME, prosthetics/orthotics claims must have one by October 1, 1993, in order to be paid. As we have previously stated, we believe eventually you will need one to be paid for durable supplies, such as surgical trays, splints, slings and injectables. The problems that have caused these claims to be returned include:

Blocks 1A & 1B — Supplier name and business not completed

Block 1E — Tax ID # incorrect (Must be 9 digits)

Signature of provider not on back page

Block 7B — Who will be submitting the claims (Name of insurance clerk or billing service)

Blocks 4A, 4B & 4C — Ownership info.

**NOTE: WE ARE IN THE PROCESS OF CHANGING OUR NAME FROM MEDICAL CONSULTANTS OF TEXAS TO DON SELF & ASSOCIATES, AS MORE PEOPLE IN TEXAS ARE FAMILIAR WITH DON SELF THAN MEDICAL CONSULTANTS OF TEXAS.**

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### CHARGING INJECTION CODE FOR ANESTHETIC IN ADDITION TO NERVE BLOCK CODES

Medicare's newsletter 120, dated June 17, 1993 reports that you are NOT allowed to charge for the anesthetic agent (Xylocaine, Lidocaine, etc), in addition to procedure codes 64400 through 64450. They report the agent is considered to be part of the procedure and therefore is not billable separately.

### HEALTH PROFESSIONAL SHORTAGE AREAS (HPSA)

Newsletter 120 also gives an updated list of those counties and parts of counties that are designated HPSAs. If you render services in any of these counties (even if your office is not located within one of the areas), you are entitled to a 10 percent incentive payment (bonus). The 10 percent is based on the amount Medicare has paid for services rendered in the HPSA, and not on the fees charged or approved amounts. To enable Medicare to pay these payments to the physician (not to be applied to any patient accounts,) you need to use the correct modifier:

<b>QB</b>	<b>Services in a rural HPSA</b>
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<b>QU</b>	<b>Services in an urban HPSA</b>
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If you need assistance in determining whether you render services in an urban HPSA, call Medicare (Kitty Beard) at 214-669-7399.

### CHANGE OF SPECIALTY

If you receive a notice from Medicare stating you may be coding outside of the parameters of your peers, you may wish to ensure you are categorized correctly, per your specialty, in Medicare's computer. This is something we watch on the quarterly Provider Treatment Analysis Reports from Medicare. While Medicare does not pay differently, dependent upon your specialty, the comparison of coding, which prompts them to audit certain physicians, do have an impact. For this reason, we have listed the following different specialties:

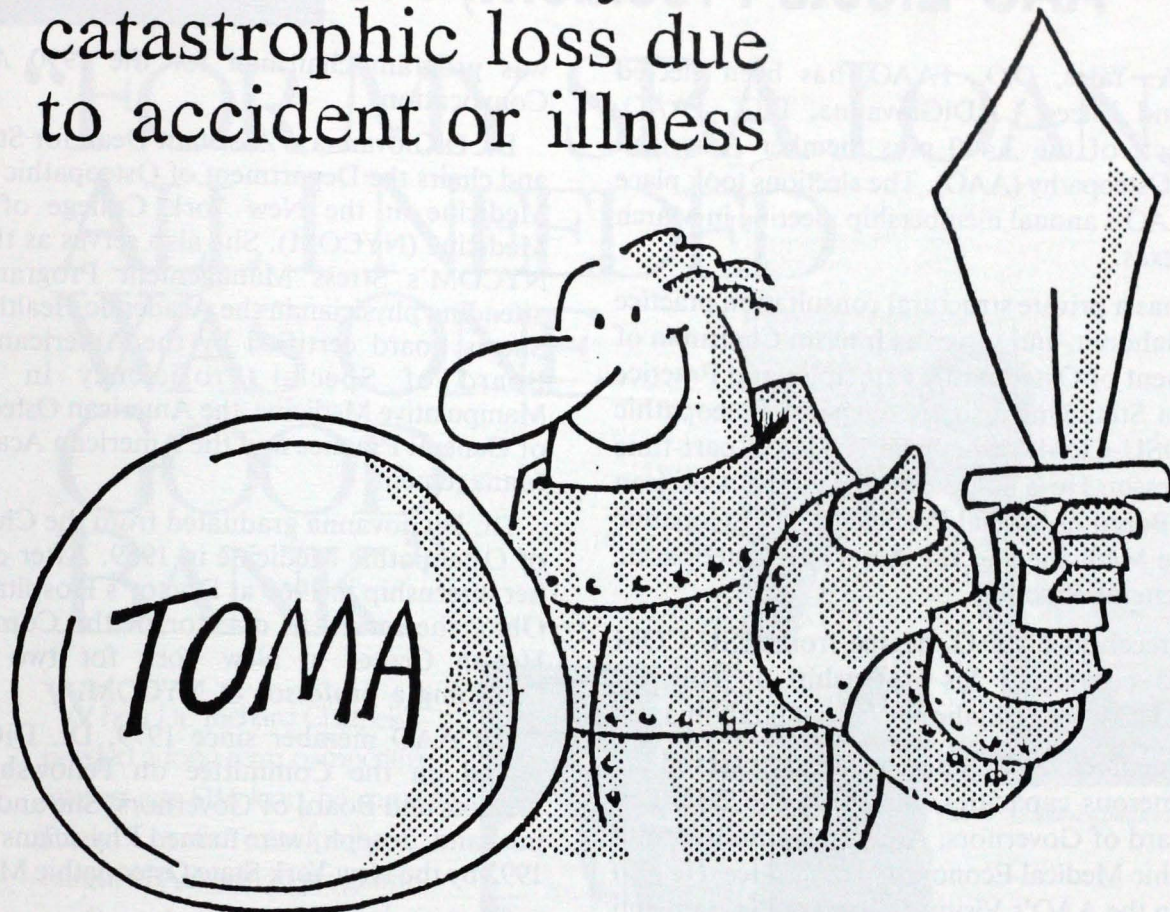
01 General Practice	35 Chiropractic
02 General Surgery	36 Nuclear Medicine
03 Allergy/Immunology	37 Pediatric Medicine
04 Otolaryngology	38 Geriatric Medicine
05 Anesthesiology	39 Nephrology
07 Dermatology	40 Hand Surgery
08 Family Practice	41 Optometrist
10 Gastroenterology	44 Infectious Disease
11 Internal Medicine	46 Endocrinology
12 Osteopathic Manipulative	48 Podiatry
13 Neurology	66 Rheumatology
14 Neurosurgery	76 Periph. Vasc. Disease
16 Obstetrics/Gynecology	77 Vascular Surgery
18 Ophthalmology	78 Cardiac Surgery
19 Oral Surgery (Dentist)	79 Addiction Medicine
20 Orthopedic Surgery	81 Critical Care (Intensive)
22 Pathology	83 Hematology/Oncology
24 Plastic/Recon. Surgery	84 Preventive Medicine
25 Phys. Med. & Rehab	85 Maxillofacial Surgery
26 Psychiatry	86 Neuropsychiatry
28 Colorectal Surgery	90 Medical Oncology
29 Pulmonary Disease	91 Surgical Oncology
30 Diagnostic Radiology	92 Radiation Oncology
33 Thoracic Surgery	93 Emergency Medicine
34 Urology	94 Interventional Radiology

If you wish to change the specialty Medicare has you listed as, you need to send a letter to Medicare Provider Relations, at the following address: P.O. Box 655924 Dallas, TX 75265-5924, giving them the specialty number listed above, your provider number, your UPIN and your billing address. You also need to include the statement: I wish my specialty code to be changed from \_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_ since approximately \_\_\_\_ percent of my business is \_\_\_\_ oriented. You may guess at your percentage of specialty patients, as documentation is not required. Also not required is a fellowship of license in that specialty. Of course, to change your specialty, you must render services pursuant to that specialty more than 50 percent of the time. Please send us a copy of the request, as we need this information on all retainer clients.

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# AAO Elects President, President-Elect

Herbert A. Yates, D.O., FAAO, has been elected president, and Eileen L. DiGiovanna, D.O., FAAO, president-elect, of the 3,400 plus member American Academy of Osteopathy (AAO). The elections took place during the AAO's annual membership meeting in March in Dallas, Texas.

Dr. Yates has a private structural consultation practice in Tulsa, Oklahoma, and serves as Interim Chairman of the Department of Osteopathic Principles and Practice at Oklahoma State University, College of Osteopathic Medicine (OSU-COM), where he is also a part-time Clinical Professor. He is board certified by the American Osteopathic Board of Special Proficiency in Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine and the American Osteopathic Board of General Practice.

Dr. Yates received his D.O. degree from OSU-COM in 1977 and completed his internship at Hillcrest Osteopathic Hospital, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

An AAO member since 1981, Dr. Yates has served the AAO in numerous capacities, including the Board of Trustees, Board of Governors, Awards Committee, and the Osteopathic Medical Economics Committee. He also participates in the AAO's Visiting Clinician Program and

was program chairman for the 1990 AAO Annual Convocation.

Dr. DiGiovanna is Assistant Dean for Student Affairs and chairs the Department of Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine at the New York College of Osteopathic Medicine (NYCOM). She also serves as the director of NYCOM's Stress Management Program and is an attending physician in the Academic Health Care Center. She is board certified by the American Osteopathic Board of Special Proficiency in Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine, the American Osteopathic Board of General Practice and the American Academy of Pain Management.

Dr. DiGiovanna graduated from the Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine in 1959. After completion of her internship in 1960 at Doctor's Hospital, Columbus, Ohio, she served as director of the Commack Family Health Center in New York for two years before becoming a professor at NYCOM.

An AAO member since 1979, Dr. DiGiovanna has served on the Committee on Fellowship, Board of Trustees and Board of Governors. She and her physician husband, Joseph, were named Physicians of the Year in 1992 by the New York State Osteopathic Medical Society.

## DEA License Registration Fee

The AOA Washington office has notified us that in a final rule published on March 22, 1993, the Drug Enforcement Agency raised the fee for its practitioner license from \$60 to \$210 so that the DEA could adequately recover the federal costs associated with the Diversion Control Program. This action was mandated by the Department of Justice and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 1993 (P.L. 102-395).

The new fee schedule affects all **new** applications postmarked on April 21, 1993 or later, and all renewal applications with an expiration date of May 21, 1993. The DEA practitioner license is renewed every three years.

The AOA says that at a meeting of the DEA Practitioner's Working Committee on May 26, representatives of several practitioner groups said they had never received a copy of a letter sent by the DEA, dated December 18, 1992, regarding the fee change and thus, had no idea the fee change was being proposed. According to the AOA, the change was put into the *Federal Register* during the holiday season and allowed only a 30-day period for comment. DEA officials say

they found out about the proposed fee increase only on day before it appeared in the *Federal Register*.

The AOA contacted the American Medical Association (AMA) regarding this problem and was informed that the AMA is filing a lawsuit against the DEA and is interested in having the AOA join them. A response will be forthcoming.

## FAA Reconsidering Age Rule for Pilots

The Federal Aviation Administration is reconsidering its rule that prohibits commercial airline pilots from flying after the age of 60. The reconsideration is due to a new study, conducted for the FAA's Civil Aeromedical Institute in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. The study found that pilots nearing 60 do not have more accidents than younger pilots.



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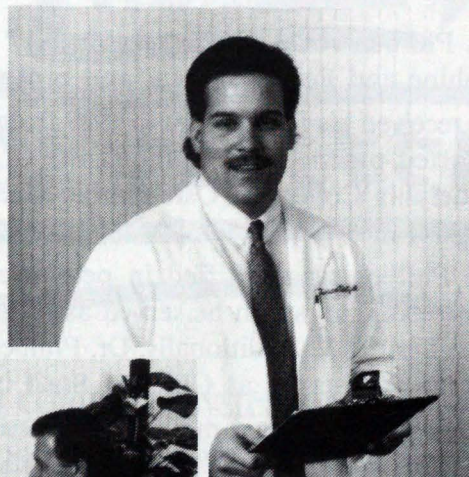
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# In Memoriam

## Patrick D. Philben, D.O.

Dr. Patrick D. Philben passed away on July 13 at home on his ranch near Ennis, Texas. He was 76 years of age.

Funeral services were held July 17 at the Grove Hill Funeral Home Chapel in Dallas, with interment in Grove Hill Memorial Park.

Dr. Philben was born March 29, 1917 in Butte, Nebraska, and was preceded in death by his parents, Josephine and Perry Philben, and brother Chet of Wymore, Nebraska.

He received his D.O. degree in 1939 from Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine, Kirksville, Missouri. He started practice and founded the Columbia Clinic in 1939. He completed a pediatric residency at Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine and in 1947, founded the Grove Clinic in Pleasant Grove. This grew into a large clinic that still serves the community.

Dr. Philben was certified in pediatrics and was a Fellow of the American College of Osteopathic Pediatricians, of which he served as president. He was a TOMA Life member and an active member of TOMA District V. Additionally, Dr. Philben was Associate Clinical Professor at Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine and served as Chief of Staff in several area hospitals throughout the years.

In 1985, Dr. Philben moved his practice to Family Medical Clinic on Bruton Road in Dallas, where he continued to practice fulltime until his illness.

Survivors include his wife of 53 years, Lee O. Philben; nephews, Richard M. Olson, D.O., of Dallas, Larry Olson of Houston and Jim Kelly of Hawaii; nieces, Marlene Anderson of Thousand Oaks, California, Judy Pope of Lewisville, Texas; brother-in-law, Gordon B. Olson of East Tawakoni, Texas; and sister-in-law, Helen Kelly of Lewisville, Texas.

Since Dr. Philben dedicated his life to children and their health care, the family requests that, in lieu of flowers, donations be made in his memory to the Southeast Dallas Branch of The YMCA, 2818 Prichard, Dallas, 75227.

TOMA extends condolences to the family and friends of Dr. Philben.

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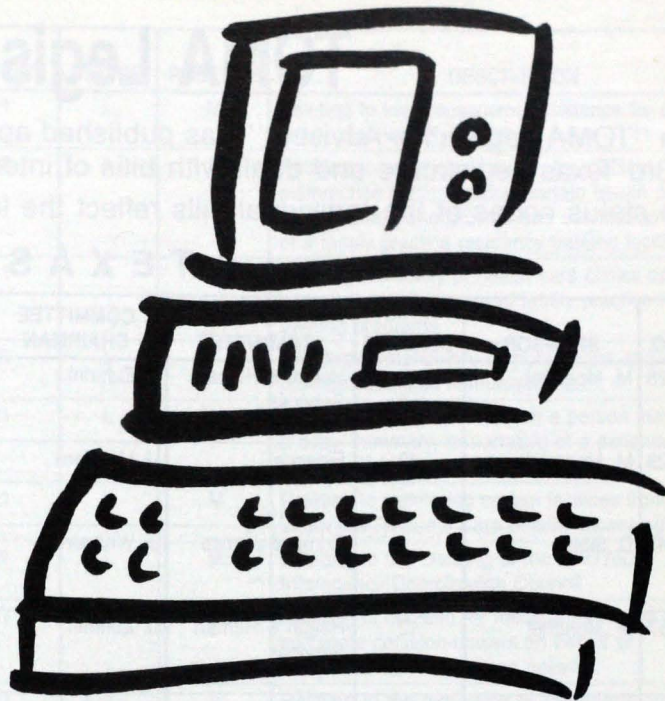
### NOM Week is October 10-16

National Osteopathic Medicine Week will be celebrated October 10-16 this year. The theme, "Osteopathic Medicine: Caring for America" will highlight the Share the Care Program and overall physician volunteerism, as well as focus on how osteopathic physicians provide care throughout the U.S., in both rural and urban settings. The AOA will once again produce a catalog of NOM Week promotional items. If you'd like more information on these materials or on how you can participate in NOM Week, call the AOA at 1-800-621-1773, Extension 5855.

Don't forget to send information and photos as to how you and/or your facility celebrated NOM Week to TOMA for publication in the "Texas DO."



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# TOMA Legislative Advisory

The "TOMA Legislative Advisory" was published approximately every three weeks during the regular session of the 73rd Texas Legislature and dealt with bills of interest to the osteopathic profession.

The status codes of the individual bills reflect the last status as received from Capitol Information Services.

## TEXAS SENATE

BILL NO.	SPONSOR	DISTRICT	COMMITTEE	COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN	DISTRICT	STATUS	POSTURE	DESCRIPTION
SB 28	M. Moncrief	12	Health & Human Services	J. Zaffirini	21	L	M	Relating to procedural and fire safety requirements relating to long term care facilities licensed by the Texas Department of Health.
29	M. Moncrief	12	Finance	J. Montford	28	L	M	Relating to procedural requirements regarding licensing fees charged a convalescent or nursing home or related institution; making an appropriate
47	D. Sibley	9	Criminal Justice	J. Whitmire	15	A	O	Relating to requiring certain information to be provided on a practitioner's prescription pad before a prescription may be dispensed.
57	M. Moncrief	12	Health & Human Services	J. Zaffirini	21	L	M	Relating to the screening and treatment for tuberculosis of employees, volunteers, and inmates in county municipal jails and other correctional facilities.
64	T. Bivins	31	Committee of the Whole on Redistricting Ethics & Elections	S. Carriker	30	A	F	Relating to the representation of persons by executive agencies by members of the legislature.
79	J. Zaffirini	21	Finance	J. Montford	28	L	O	Relating to the requirement that the state develop a system of selective contracting with health care providers for the provision of certain services to Medicaid recipients.
89	C. Truan	20	Health & Human Services	J. Zaffirini	21	L	M	Relating to establishing a birth defects registry.
90	C. Truan	20	Health & Human Services	J. Zaffirini	21	L	M	Relating to the access to information for epidemic and toxicologic investigations by the Texas Department of Health.
91	C. Truan	20	Health & Human Services	J. Zaffirini	21	E	F	Relating to the identification of children suffering from lead poisoning and to control measures for lead contamination.
101	C. Harris	10	Economic Development	C. Parker	4	A	M	Relating to health insurance policies, policy applications, and claim forms.
134	E. Lucio	27	Jurisprudence	D. Henderson	7	A	M	Relating to mandatory arbitration of claims for personal injury or death resulting from medical malpractice.
144	F. Madla	24	Health & Human Services	J. Zaffirini	21	A	O	Relating to the authority of a therapeutic optometrist to act as a practitioner under the Texas Controlled Substances Act.
160	M. Moncrief	12	Health & Human Services	J. Zaffirini	21	L	M	Relating to the provision of mental health and rehabilitative services.
176	C. Parker	4				L	M	Relating to the adoption of the Durable Power of Attorney Act.
198	D. Shelley	6	Economic Development	C. Parker	4	A	F	Relating to the creation and operation of a program to provide access to health insurance for employees of small groups.
201	C. Parker	4	Education	B. Ratliff	1	L	M	Relating to contractual agreements between the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board and the Texas Chiropractic College.
206	C. Harris	10	Re-referred Health & Human Services	J. Zaffirini	21	G	M	Relating to claims, review of claims, and fraudulent claims for benefits for certain health care and mental health care services covered by insurance.
212	J. Zaffirini	21	Health & Human Services	J. Zaffirini	21	L	M	Relating to the regulation of medical rehabilitative services.
215	D. Sibley	9	Economic Development	C. Parker	4	A	F	Relating to availability of group health insurance coverage following a change of employment.
216	D. Sibley	9	Economic Development	C. Parker	4	A	F	Relating to uniform health insurance claims for
217	D. Sibley	9	Economic Development	C. Parker	4	A	F	Relating to purchase of group health coverage through funds established by certain small employers.



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218	D. Sibley	9	Education	B. Ratliff	1	L	M	Relating to loan repayment assistance for certain family practice physicians.
219	D. Sibley	9	State Affairs	O. H. Harris	8	A	F	Relating to state identification for medical malpractice claims against certain health care professionals who provide free services to patients of a family practice residency training facility.
220	D. Sibley	9	Education	B. Ratliff	1	A	F	Relating to liability of health care clinics operated in conjunction with approved family practice residency training programs.
266	J. Zaffirini	21	Health & Human Services	J. Zaffirini	21	L	F	Relating to mandatory immunizations and to the provision of those immunizations.
270	P. Rosson	29	Health & Human Services	J. Zaffirini	21	L	M	Relating to the form in which a person may provide a copy, summary, or narrative of a patients medical records.
281	J. Wentworth	26	Health & Human Services	J. Zaffirini	21	L	M	Relating to exempting certain facilities from licensure under the Personal Care Facility Licensing Act.
286	R. Ellis	13	Health & Human Services	J. Zaffirini	21	L	M	Relating to the creating of the HIV/AIDS Interagency Coordinating Council
332	M. Moncrief	12	Re-referred Jurisprudence	D. Henderson	7	L	M	Relating to consent for medical treatment by surrogate decision-makers on behalf of incapacitated or comatose patients.
334	F. Shapiro	2	Health & Human Services	J. Zaffirini	21	A	F	Relating to the regulation of mammography devices and the practice of mammography.
343	F. Madla	24	Economic Development	C. Parker	4	L	M	Relating to the selection of podiatrists.
344	F. Madla	24	Economic Development	C. Parker	4	A	M	Relating to the selection of podiatrists.
346	M. Moncrief	12	Education	B. Ratliff	1	L	F	Relating to changing the name of the Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine to the University of North Texas Health Science Center of Fort Worth.
364	M. Moncrief	12	Health & Human Services	J. Zaffirini	21	A	M	Relating to infant and child immunization requirements.
368	K. Armbrister	18	Health & Human Services	J. Zaffirini	21	E	M	Relating to the regulation of the practice of dentistry.
370	D. Henderson	7	State Affairs	O. H. Harris	8	E	O	Relating to the designation of benzodiazepine as a controlled substance under the Texas Controlled Substance Act.
376	B. Haley	3	Health & Human Services	J. Zaffirini	21	L	F	Relating to use of osteopathic hospitals by health maintenance and preferred provider organizations.
386	D. Shelley	6	Jurisprudence	D. Henderson	7	L	M	Relating to the liability of persons providing emergency care.
388	J. Zaffirini	21	Health & Human Services	J. Zaffirini	21	A	M	Relating to the reporting of certain injuries to the Department of Public Health.
392	R. West	23	Health & Human Services	J. Zaffirini	21	E	M	Relating to minimum standards for medical procedures involving sedation or contrast media.
419	S. Carriker	30	Education	B. Ratliff	1	L	M	Relating to the University of North Texas.
422	J. Whitmire	15	Health & Human Services	J. Zaffirini	21	A	M	Relating to the regulation of the practice of podiatry.
426	D. Sibley	9	Education	B. Ratliff	1	L	M	Relating to family practice residency training pilot programs.
427	R. Ellis	13	Health & Human Services	J. Zaffirini	21	L	M	Relating to the duty of non-profit, tax-exempt hospitals to provide charity care.
445	M. Moncrief	12	Health & Human Services	J. Zaffirini	21	A	F	Relating to the Board of Public Health.
455	J. Patterson	11	Health & Human Services	J. Zaffirini	21	A	M	Relating to mandatory premarital testing for sexually transmitted diseases.
458	B. Haley	3	Economic Development	C. Parker	4	C	M	Relating to health insurance benefits for the treatment of certain bones and joints of the human body.
472	F. Madla	24	Health & Human Services	J. Zaffirini	21	L	M	Relating to the practice of pharmacy, including the Texas State Board of Pharmacy, dangerous drugs, and controlled substances.
486	J. Wentworth	26	Economic Development	C. Parker	4	A	M	Relating to the inclusion of the services of certain licensed hearing aid fitters and dispensers in health insurance coverage.



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SB 500	S. Carriker	30	Health & Human Services	J. Zaffirini	21	A	M	Relating to temporary reciprocal licenses for physicians, the relationship between hospitals and other health care providers in rural areas, and establishing a program to assist in recruiting and retaining health professionals.
555	J. Patterson	11	Economic Development	C. Parker	4	M	M	Relating to provision of certain mental health and substance abuse services through single service health maintenance organizations.
589	M. Moncrief	12	Health & Human Services	J. Zaffirini	21	A	M	Relating to the Health Care Provider Referral
621	S. Carriker	30	Health & Human Services	J. Zaffirini	21	L	M	Relating to the continuation and functions of the Texas State Board of Pharmacy and to the regulation of the practice of pharmacy.
674	M. Moncrief	12	Health & Human Services	J. Zaffirini	21	L	M	Relating to the creation of the Health Professions Council, continuation of the Midwifery Board and the Texas State Board of Examiners of Dietitians and abolition of the Texas Board of Licensure for Nursing Home Administrators.
690	S. Carriker	30	Health & Human Services	J. Zaffirini	21	L	M	Relating to the regulation of the practice of physical therapy and occupational therapy and to the creation of a state board to replace the Texas Board of Physical Therapy Examiners and Texas Advanced Board of Occupational Therapy.
701	J. Leedom	16	Intergovernment Relations	K. Armbrister	18	L	M	Relating to interlocal cooperation contracts for health care and hospital services.
702	J. Leedom	16	Intergovernment Relations	K. Armbrister	18	L	M	Relating to the application of the Texas Health Maintenance Organization Act to hospital districts.
708	J. Patterson	11	Economic Development	C. Parker	4	A	M	Relating to group health insurance for certain employers.
725	F. Madla	24	Health & Human Services	J. Zaffirini	21	A	M	Relating to regulation of medical radiologic technologists.
HB 771	P. Rosson	29	Health & Human Services	J. Zaffirini	21	L	M	Relating to medical records 100 years or older.
799	J. Patterson	11	Health & Human Services	J. Zaffirini	21	A	M	Relating to mandatory premarital testing for human immunodeficiency virus infection.
834	J. Zaffirini	21	Health & Human Services	J. Zaffirini	21	L	M	Relating to treatment of chemically dependent persons.
839	M. Moncrief	12	Health & Human Services	J. Zaffirini	21	L	M	Relating to the regulation of the practice of nursing to the creation of a new state board to replace the Board of Nurse Examiners and the Board of Vocational Examiners.
842	M. Moncrief	12	State Affairs	O. Harris	8	L	M	Relating to the power of certain licensing agencies to issue subpoenas in enforcement proceedings.
872	F. Madla	24	Health & Human Services	J. Zaffirini	21	A	M	Relating to the regulation of the practice of pediatrics.
873	F. Madla	24	Health & Human Services	J. Zaffirini	21	G	M	Relating to the regulation of massage therapy.
SB 886	D. Sibley	9	Jurisprudence	D. Henderson	7	A	M	Relating to cooperative agreements among health care providers.
913	E. Lucio	27	Economic Development	C. Parker	4	A	M	Relating to the selection of health care providers.
921	E. Lucio	27	Economic Development	C. Parker	4	A	M	Relating to recovery of damages for medical malpractice.
924	M. Moncrief	12	Health & Human Services	J. Zaffirini	21	A	M	Relating to the regulation of certain clinical laboratory science practitioners.
929	D. Sibley	9	Economic Development	C. Parker	4	A	M	Relating to finding arbitration of claims for personal injury or death resulting from negligence of a health care provider.
980	J. Brown	17	Economic Development	C. Parker	4	A	O	Relating to the inclusion of the services of licensed physical therapists in health insurance coverage.
981	J. Patterson	11	Health & Human Services	J. Zaffirini	21	J	M	Relating to the approval of certain laboratories by the Texas Department of Health.
1003	S. Carriker	30	Health & Human Services	J. Zaffirini	21	A	F	Relating to the regulation of physician assistants.



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30	C. Parker	4	Health & Human Services	J. Zaffirini	21	A	M	Relating to the regulation of psychologists, professional counselors, social workers, and marriage and family therapists and to the creation of a new state board.
61	M. Moncrief	12	Health & Human Services	J. Zaffirini	21	L	M	Relating to the continuation and function of the Texas State Board of Chiropractic Examiners and to the regulation of the practice of chiropractic.
32	C. Parker	4	Health & Human Services	J. Zaffirini	21	L	E	Relating to the continuation and operation of the Texas State Board of Medical Examiners and to the regulation of the practice of medicine.
35	C. Parker	4	Health & Human Services	C. Parker	4	A	M	Relating to health insurance and health costs and the availability of health insurance coverage for certain individuals and small employers.
78	I. Harris	8	Health & Human Services	J. Zaffirini	21	A	M	Relating to the regulation of the practice of chiropractic.
30	I. Harris	8	Health & Human Services	J. Zaffirini	21	L	M	Relating to the regulation of podiatry and to the continuation and functions of the Texas State Board of Podiatry Examiners.
97	F. Madla	24	Health & Human Services	J. Zaffirini	21	A	M	Relating to granting licensed psychologists membership or privileges on the staff of a hospital or private mental hospital or other mental health facility.
98	F. Madla	24	Health & Human Services	J. Zaffirini	21	C	M	Relating to the disclosure of health and mental health care information by a provider.
05	F. Shapiro	2	Health & Human Services	J. Zaffirini	21	A	M	Relating to parental notification before an abortion may be performed on a minor.
07	S. Carriker	30	Health & Human Services	J. Zaffirini	21	A	F	Relating to the regulation of physician assistants.
44	R. Ellis	13	Jurisprudence	D. Henderson	7	L	M	Relating to the consent of a person seventeen years of age to donate blood or blood components.
45	R. Ellis	13	State Affairs	O. Harris	8	F	M	Relating to clarification of the procedures for organ donation.
65	G. Barrientos	14	State Affairs	O. Harris	8	A	M	Relating to compliance with certain federal standards concerning the prevention of transmission of the human immunodeficiency virus and other bloodborne pathogens.
86	F. Madla	24	Health & Human Services	J. Zaffirini	21	B	M	Relating to the Texas Natural Death Act.
97	K. Armbrister	18	Criminal Justice	J. Whitmire	15	L	M	Relating to the exemption of certain substances from Schedule I-V of the Texas Controlled Substances Act.
52	E. Lucio	27	Economic Development	C. Parker	4	A	M	Relating to selection of doctors under the Texas Workers' Compensation Act.
09	C. Parker	4	Economic Development	C. Parker	4	L	M	Relating to medical liability actions and medical liability insurance.
10	C. Parker	4	Economic Development	C. Parker	4	L	M	Relating to state identification of, and certain liability insurance premiums for certain health care claims.
13	Luna	19	Health & Human Services	J. Zaffirini	21	F	M	Relating to fees charged by health care providers or health care facilities for medical or mental health records.
32	Luna	19	Health & Human Services	J. Zaffirini	21	A	O	Relating to the regulation of the practice of naturopathic medicine.



# TEXAS HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

BILL NO.	SPONSOR	DISTRICT	COMMITTEE	COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN	DISTRICT	STATUS	POSTURE	DESCRIPTION
HB 6	J. Carona	108	Business & Industry	K. Brimer	96	A	M	Relating to limiting damage awards in certain workers' compensation claims.
7	J. Carona	108	Business & Industry	K. Brimer	96	L	M	Relating to covenants not to compete.
50	D. R. Uher	29	Criminal Jurisprudence	A. Place	59	A	O	Relating to reports of overdoses of controlled substances to law enforcement authorities.
56	B. McCall	66	Insurance	J. Smithee	86	A	F	Relating to the creation and operation of a program to provide access to health insurance for employees of small groups.
59	B. Rabuck	16	Public Health	H. Berlanga	34	A	M	Relating to mandatory premarital testing for human immunodeficiency virus testing.
63	B. Turner	73	Transportation	D. Cain	107	L	F	Relating to the regulation of mammography devices and the practice of mammography.
79	J. Zaffirini	21	Human Services	H. Hilderbran	53	G	M	Relating to the requirement that the state develop a system of selective contracting with health care providers for the provision of certain services to Medicaid recipients.
97	T. Goolsby	102	Public Health	H. Berlanga	34	G	M	Relating to the right of a patient or the patient's representation to a copy of the patient's medical records and to the charge for providing the copy.
105	B. McCall	66	Licensing & Admin Procedures	R. Wilson	131	A	M	Relating to casino gaming conducted by certain charitable organizations; to certain gaming conducted on Indian lands.
114	P. Haggerty	79	Public Health	H. Berlanga	34	A	F	Relating to the application of the prohibition on illegal remuneration to preferred provider organizations.
125	B. Hunter	71	Ways & Means	T. Craddick	82	G	M	Relating to fees paid by certain psychologists.
139	K. Bailey	140	Public Health	H. Berlanga	34	A	M	Relating to the use of administrative penalties for violations of the law regulating nursing home and related institutions.
140	K. Bailey	140	Insurance	J. Smithee	86	A	M	Relating to basic health care coverage for certain persons.
164	D. Danburg	137	Insurance	J. Smithee	86	A	F	Relating to mandatory health insurance coverage for certain medical examinations.
166	W. Delco	50	Higher Education	A. Smith	136	G	M	Relating to establishing a minority doctoral incentive program.
SB 176						J		
179	K. Brimer	96	Insurance	J. Smithee	86	L	F	Relating to basic group health insurance coverage for certain small employers.
HB 233	K. Bailey	140	Public Health	H. Berlanga	34	A	M	Relating to cost estimates for procedures and services by hospitals and nursing homes and to reports on the status of health care services.
241	D. Kubiak	13	Public Health	H. Berlanga	34	L	F	Relating to the recertification of emergency medical services personnel.
258	H. Giddings	109	Insurance	J. Smithee	86	A	F	Relating to benefits for immunizations of certain children under group health insurance policies.
SB 266						J		
295	W. Chisum	88	Public Safety	K. Oakley	4	A	O	Relating to drug testing of applicants for original driver's licenses.
305	D. Smith	135	Ways & Means	T. Craddick	82	A	M	Relating to the application of certain professional fees and taxes.
322	P. Gallego	74	County Affairs	B. Campbell	65	B	M	Relating to permitting hospital districts to vote for representatives to appraisal district boards.
343	B. Glaze	5	Public Health	H. Berlanga	34	L	L	Relating to the reporting of certain injuries to the Department of Public Health.
405	T. Kamel	6	State Affairs	C. Seidlits	62	A	M	Relating to funding for emergency and trauma care provided to indigent persons from a portion of exemplary damages awarded in certain civil cases.
451	F. Bosse	128	Insurance	J. Smithee	86	A	M	Relating to overpayments made by health insurance companies.
486	J. Hirschi	69	Public Health	H. Berlanga	34	G	M	Relating to the screening and treatment for tuberculosis of employees, volunteers, and inmates in county and municipal jails and other correctional facilities.



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0	R. Junell	72	Human Services	H. Hilderbran	53	A	F	Relating to mandatory immunization of children in child-care facilities.
2	D. Delisi	55	Public Safety	K. Oakley	4	L	G	Relating to the printing of a statement regarding a health care directive on the reverse side of a drivers license.
9	J. Culberson	130	State Affairs	C. Seidlits	62	A	M	Relating to proof of a health care liability claim.
0	J. Culberson	130	State Affairs	C. Seidlits	62	A	M	Relating to the designation of expert witnesses by the claimant in a professional malpractice claim.
0	T. Kamel	6	State Affairs	C. Seidlits	62	A	M	Relating to review of medical malpractice claims.
0	R. Junnell	72	Public Health	H. Berlanga	34	A	M	Relating to approval by the Texas Department of Health for new drugs used in treating progressive, fatal diseases.
1	J. Harris	25	State Affairs	C. Seidlits	62	A	F	Relating to the civil liability of certain persons providing uncompensated health care and health screening services.
2	J. Harris	25	State Affairs	C. Seidlits	62	A	F	Relating to liability for damages arising from emergency care.
3	J. Harris	25	Insurance	J. Smithee	86	A	F	Relating to basic group health insurance coverage for certain small employers.
6	J. Harris	25	Insurance	J. Smithee	86	A	F	Relating to premium rates and termination of coverage for health insurance sold to certain small employer groups.
7	J. Harris	25	Public Health	H. Berlanga	34	F	F	Relating to hospital staff privileges for doctors of medicine and doctors of osteopathy.
6	S. Schechter	134	Public Health	H. Berlanga	34	L	O	Relating to the exemption of certain psychologists from career counseling services requirements.
1	S. Thompson	141	Judicial Affairs	S. Thompson	141	A	M	Relating to the adoption of the Durable Power of Attorney Act.
3	R. Lewis	19	Insurance	J. Smithee	86	A	M	Relating to dental care benefits.
7	J. Smithee	86	Business & Industry	K. Brimer	96	A	M	Relating to qualified claims servicing contractors for workers' compensation insurance offered by certified self-insurers.
6	N. McDonald	76	Public Health	H. Berlanga	34	L	M	Relating to the regulation of the practice of professional nursing.
1	E. Naishtat	49	Public Health	H. Berlanga	34	L	M	Relating to treatment and care of persons with mental retardation.
5	C. Rodriguez	118	County Affairs	B. Campbell	65	L	M	Relating to the contracting authority and procedures of certain hospital districts.
1	M. Jackson	129	Higher Education	A. Smith	136	A	M	Relating to contractual agreements between the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board and Texas Chiropractic College.
4	J. Culberson	130	State Affairs	C. Seidlits	62	A	F	Relating to the liability of a physician for certain health care liability claims.
7	R. Gutierrez	41	State Affairs	C. Seidlits	62	A	M	Relating to the liability of an independent contractor providing emergency medical services on behalf of a governmental agency.
5	K. Bailey	140	Insurance	J. Smithee	86	A	M	Relating to the regulation of certain managed health care firms.
6	N. McDonald	76	Public Health	H. Berlanga	34	C	M	Relating to infant and child immunization requirements.
3	H. Berlanga	34	Public Health	H. Berlanga	34	L	M	Relating to the regulation of the practice of dentistry.
5	G. Maxey	51	Public Health	H. Berlanga	34	G	M	Relating to the duty of non-profit, tax exempt hospitals to provide charity care.
8	G. Maxey	51	Judicial Affairs	S. Thompson	141	A	M	Relating to the power of certain minors to consent to health care services.
4	K. Oakley	4	Insurance	J. Smithee	86	A	M	Relating to health insurance benefits for the treatment of certain bones and joints of the human body.
6	M. Stiles	21	Insurance	J. Smithee	86	A	M	Relating to the selection of podiatrists.
0	R. Gutierrez	41	State Affairs	C. Seidlits	62	A	M	Relating to the liability for exemplary damages of certain emergency medical services personnel.
4	D. Danburg	137	Public Health	H. Berlanga	34	A	M	Relating to the regulation of the practice of podiatry.



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HB 1152	G. Maxey	51	Public Health	H. Berlanga	34	A	M	Relating to the regulation of the practice of the physics.
1161	B. Turner	73	Public Health	H. Berlanga	34	A	O	Relating to the prescription of drugs or devices by an advanced nurse practitioner.
1184	B. McCall	66	Public Health	H. Berlanga	34	A	M	Relating to regulation of medical radiologic technology.
1189	L. Van de Putte	115	Public Health	H. Berlanga	34	G	M	Relating to the practice of pharmacy, including the Texas State Board of Pharmacy, dangerous drugs and controlled substances.
1191	H. Berlanga	34	Public Health	H. Berlanga	34	A	F	Relating to use of osteopathic hospitals by health maintenance and preferred provider organizations.
1206	R. Lewis	19	Public Health	H. Berlanga	34	L	F	Relating to anatomical gifts.
1315	M. Stiles	21	Insurance	J. Smithee	86	A	M	Relating to the selection of podiatrists.
1330	J. Longoria	117	State Affairs	C. Seidlits	62	A	M	Relating to the regulation of abortion.
1338	H. Berlanga	34	Public Health	H. Berlanga	34	A	M	Relating to temporary reciprocal licenses for physicians, the relationship between hospitals and other health care providers in rural areas and establishing a program to assist in recruiting and retaining health professionals.
1345	B. McCall	66	Public Health	H. Berlanga	34	L	M	Relating to licensing of adult day-care and adult day health care facilities.
1424	G. Maxey	51	Public Health	H. Berlanga	34	A	M	Clarifying certain definitions in the Medical Practice Act.
1435	F. Hill	112	State Affairs	C. Seidlits	62	A	M	Relating to parental notification before an abortion may be performed on a minor.
1449	C. Seidlits	62	Business & Industry	K. Brimer	96	A	M	Relating to medical benefits under the Texas Workers' Compensation Act.
1457	R. Wilson	131	Public Health	H. Berlanga	34	A	M	Relating to prohibiting hospital employees and medical staff from wearing surgical attire or hospital uniforms on the premises of certain food-related businesses.
1462	L. Van de Putte	115	Public Health	H. Berlanga	34	L	M	Relating to the disclosure of certain information about certain patients of a physician.
1470	G. Maxey	51	Public Health	H. Berlanga	34	A	M	Relating to immunizations for children.
1472	T. Hunter	32	Insurance	J. Smithee	86	A	M	Relating to the selection of health care providers.
1479	D. Cain	107	Public Health	H. Berlanga	34	L	M	Relating to the regulation of optometry and to the continuation and functions of the Texas Optometric Board.
1488	H. Giddings	109	Human Services	H. Hilderbran	53	A	M	Relating to the creation of the Center for Minority Health Development.
1513	L. Black	54	Public Health	H. Berlanga	34	G	M	Relating to the continuation and functions of the Texas State Board of Pharmacy and to the regulation of the practice of pharmacy.
1514	L. Black	54	Public Health	H. Berlanga	34	G	M	Relating to the regulation of podiatry and to the continuation and functions of the Texas State Board of Podiatry Examiners.
1532	G. Coleman	147	Public Health	H. Berlanga	34	G	M	Relating to the consent of a person seventeen years of age to donate blood or blood components.
1543	B. Carter	91	Higher Education	A. Smith	136	A	F	Relating to changing the name of the Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine to the University of North Texas Health Science Center of Fort Worth.
1569	J. Smithee	86	Insurance	J. Smithee	86	A	F	Relating to uniform health insurance claim forms.
HB 1633	B. Rabuck	16	Human Services	H. Hilderbran	53	A	M	Relating to the payment rates for Medicaid services provided by certain providers.
1654	S. Wolens	103	Insurance	J. Smithee	86	A	M	Relating to the application of the Texas Health Maintenance Organization Act to hospital districts.
1655	S. Wolens	103	State Affairs	C. Seidlits	62	A	M	Relating to interlocal cooperation contracts for health care and hospital services.
1665	D. Cain	107	Public Health	H. Berlanga	34	G	M	Relating to the creation of the Health Professions Council, continuation of the Midwifery Board and the Texas State Board of Examiners of Dietitians and abolition of the Texas Board of Licensure for Nursing Home Administrators.



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77	D. Cain	107	Public Health	H. Berlanga	34	G	M	Relating to the continuation and operation of the Texas State Board of Medical Examiners and to the regulation of the practice of medicine.
713	G. Maxey	51	Public Health	H. Berlanga	34	L	M	Relating to the use of clozaril for schizophrenics.
74	D. Danburg	137	Criminal Jurisprudence	A. Place	59	A	M	Relating to the creation of the offense of sexual exploitation by a psychotherapist.
201	K. Brady	15	Public Health	H. Berlanga	34	A	M	Relating to establishing a birth defects registry.
22	S. Turner	139	Public Health	H. Berlanga	34	A	M	Relating to the regulation of certain clinical laboratory science practitioners.
35	H. Berlanga	34	Public Health	H. Berlanga	34	L	M	Relating to the regulation of the practice of perfusion.
39	B. Rabuck	16	Public Health	H. Berlanga	34	A	M	Relating to mandatory premarital testing for sexually transmitted diseases.
45	G. Maxey	51	Public Health	H. Berlanga	34	A	M	Relating to the creation, operation, and funding of the Texas Health Plan.
49	W. Delco	50	Public Health	H. Berlanga	34	A	M	Relating to regulating the practice of midwifery.
83	D. Counts	70	Public Health	H. Berlanga	34	G	M	Relating to the regulation of the practice of physical therapy and occupational therapy and to creation of a new state board to replace the Texas Board of Physical Therapy Examiners and Texas Advisory Board of Occupational Therapy.
84	S. Wolens	103	Public Health	H. Berlanga	34	L	M	Relating to cooperative agreements among hospitals.
27	J. Shields	122	Public Health	H. Berlanga	34	B	M	Relating to the confidentiality of the records and proceedings of a medical committee.
53	D. Kubiak	13	State Affairs	C. Seidlits	62	A	M	Relating to the power of certain licensing agencies to issue subpoenas in enforcement proceedings.
72	N. McDonald	76	Public Health	H. Berlanga	34	L	M	Relating to the approval and certification of certain health organizations by the Texas State Board of Medical Examiners.
201	J. Vowell	78	Public Health	H. Berlanga	34	A	M	Relating to the regulation of medical rehabilitation services.
45	G. Maxey	51	Human Services	H. Hilderbran	53	A	M	Relating to prescription drugs dispensed under the Medicaid Program.
98	W. Delco	50	State Affairs	C. Seidlits	62	A	M	Relating to exceptions to open meeting requirements for certain deliberations of municipal hospitals and municipal hospital authorities.
99	W. Delco	50	Public Health	H. Berlanga	34	G		Relating to the containment of health care costs and to ensuring the quality of the delivery of health care services; creating the Texas Health Care Cost Containment Council; making appropriations.
80	L. Black	54	Public Health	H. Berlanga	34	L	M	Relating to the regulation of the practice of nursing and to the creation of a new state board to replace the Board of Nurse Examiners and the Board of Vocational Nurse Examiners.
83	R. Lewis	19	Insurance	J. Smithee	86	A	0	Relating to the inclusion of the services of licensed physical therapists in health insurance coverage.
267	M. Martin	24	State Affairs	C. Seidlits	62	A	M	Relating to medical liability actions and medical liability insurance.
268	M. Martin	24	State Affairs	C. Seidlits	62	A	M	Relating to medical liability actions and medical liability insurance.
269	M. Martin	24	State Affairs	C. Seidlits	62	A	M	Relating to state indemnification and liability insurance premiums for certain health care claims.
319	D. Counts	70	Business & Industry	K. Brifmer	96	A	M	Relating to the authority of the Texas Workers' Compensation Insurance Fund.
445	D. Uher	29	State Affairs	C. Seidlits	62	A	M	Relating to liens of health care practitioners.
457	J. Culberson	130	State Affairs	C. Seidlits	62	A	M	Relating to expert witnesses in certain professional malpractice suits.
485	L. Van de Putte	115	Public Health	H. Berlanga	34	L	M	Relating to pediatric emergency medical services.
464	E. Kuempel	45	Insurance	J. Smithee	86	A	M	Relating to the inclusion of the services of certain licensed hearing aid fitters and dispensers in health insurance coverage.
481	C. Rodriguez	118	Insurance	J. Smithee	86	A	M	Relating to the inclusion of the services of certified psychological associates in health insurance coverage.
498	H. Berlanga	34	Public Health	H. Berlanga	34	L	F	Relating to the regulation of physician assistants.



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HB 2507	R. Duncan	84	Insurance	J. Smithee	86	A	M	Relating to the assignment of health care benefits payments and waiver of deductibles and co-insurance coverage.
2532	N. McDonald	76	Public Health	H. Berlanga	34	A	M	Relating to the Health Care Provider Referral
2533	N. McDonald	76	Public Health	H. Berlanga	34	A	M	Relating to membership or privileges on a hospital medical staff and to the authority of hospital medical personnel.
2545	J. Hirschi	69	Public Health	H. Berlanga	34	A	M	Relating to consent for medical treatment by surrogate decision-makers on behalf of incapacitated or comatose patients.
2548	J. Hirschi	69	Public Health	H. Berlanga	34	F	M	Relating to compliance with certain federal standards concerning the prevention of transmission of the human immunodeficiency and other bloodborne pathogens.
2570	R. Lewis	19	Environmental Regulations	W. Chisum	88	A	M	Relating to medical waste disposal facilities.
2635	W. Chisum	88	State Affairs	C. Seidlits	62	A	M	Relating to abortions.
2645	D. Counts	70	Public Health	H. Berlanga	34	G	M	Relating to the continuation and functions of Texas Board of Chiropractic Examiners and to regulation of the practice of chiropractic.
2712	J. Johnson	9	Investments & Banking	K. Marchant	99	C	M	Relating to the assignment of health care benefit payments.
2741	C. Rodriguez	118	Public Health	H. Berlanga	34	L	M	Relating to the regulation of professional counselors.
2758	S. Hochburg	132	Public Health	H. Berlanga	34	A	M	Relating to clarification of the procedures for organ donation.
2763	J. Shields	122	State Affairs	C. Seidlits	62	A	M	Relating to indemnifying physicians who provide free medical care to indigent patients.

If you are interested in further information on any of these bills, or if you want to know about other bills that may have been filed and are not on this list, please contact the central office with your request.

#### BILL TYPE

SB Senate Bill	HB House Bill
SCR Senate Concurrent Resolution	HCR House Concurrent Resolution
SJR Senate Joint Resolution	HJR House Joint Resolution
SR Senate Resolution	HR House Resolution

#### LEGEND

A Not Yet Scheduled	H Failed House Committee
B Passed Senate Committee	J Passed House
C Passed Senate Committee Amended	K Conference Committee
D Failed Senate Committee	L Governor Signed
E Passed Senate	M Governor Vetoed
F Passed House Committee	N Became Law Without Governor Signature
G Passed House Committee Amended	

#### POSTURE

F Favor
O Oppose
M Monitor



# Texas ACGP Update

By Joseph Montgomery-Davis, D.O., Texas ACGP Editor

The political debate over health care and how it will be funded at the state and national level is heating up along with the summer weather.

Several states are beginning to tax physician revenues to fund Medicaid and other programs that extend medical benefits to the poor and uninsured. There is a demand for states to place taxes on physician revenues in order to offset their budgetary shortfall.

In lieu of taxes, many states are imposing other assessments on physicians, such as a licensing surcharge. Some of the physicians who are affected by these new fees or assessments are fighting back by filing suits through their medical associations in state courts and challenging the idea in their state legislature. Many physicians oppose provider taxes to cover Medicaid because once provider taxes are established, they will become a source of revenue for purposes not related to health care.

The opening salvo in Texas occurred at the Medical Care Advisory Committee meeting on July 9, 1993. One of the items on the agenda was rules to implement the appropriation rider for the Governor's Health Care Cost Containmentment.

The reimbursement rules for services reimbursed by source-based reimbursement fees under the Texas Medicaid Reimbursement Methodology (TMRM) include a cost-of-living adjustment (COLA). The appropriations bill for the FY 94 - FY 95 biennium eliminates any funding for COLA increases. Furthermore, any future COLA's are dependent on available funding.

The bottom line is that Texas physicians should see a 7-8 percent cut on their Medicaid fees. Because of a successful suit by the hospital association, Texas hospitals could not be included in these cuts. It amounts to a freeze on Texas Medicaid physician reimbursement for at least the next two years.

In the interest of fairness, most Texas physicians would prefer across-the-board cuts on all health care providers rather than being singled out as the group who must provide the bulk of \$200 million in cost savings.

The MCAC voted against this proposal; however, these rules must be effective on September 1, 1993, to meet the intent of the appropriations bill. The Health and Human Services Commission will vote on this issue later this month and simultaneous publication of emergency rules and proposed rules in the *Texas Register* will take

place in August 1993. It will be effective on September 1, 1993. Legal action by the Texas Medical Association and TOMA may occur depending on the outcome of future events.

Given free choice of participation in Medicaid, physicians who choose not to participate would simply be immune to any cuts in fees under the TMRM. However, common sense should tell us that these programs, such as Medicaid and Medicare, could not remain viable without significant physician participation. The real question we should be asking ourselves is how far will the State of Texas and the federal government go to coerce physicians to participate in health programs against their free will? You and I both know the answer to this question. It is mandatory participation in health programs as a condition of licensure. Non-participation will equate to no license to practice medicine in the State of Texas.

You may say, wait a minute, national health insurance will solve this dilemma. What we tend to forget is that physicians have subsidized federally funded health programs for years by accepting payment well below market prices for similar services. In fact, state and federal health care policies have been, and will continue to be, predicated on the principle of physician subsidy of patient care.

What mechanism will be utilized against physicians?? Will it be a fee freeze, provider taxes on gross receipts of physicians, special assessments, or mandatory participation in certain health care programs as a condition of state licensure? Indentured servitude is not appealing to any physician.

This is the message that I now bring to all of you. The battle over health care policies has started with or without you. The outcome is in doubt. The stakes are high for all physicians. Your personal involvement is needed at all levels of government — local, state and national.

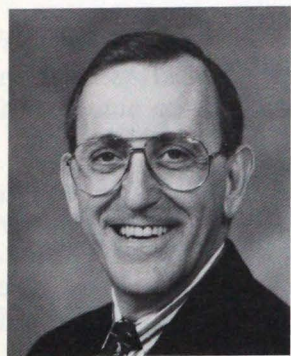
Changes in health care policies at the local, state and national level is inevitable. Organized medicine cannot stop these changes from occurring, but can help mold change in such a way as to prevent the destruction of the private practice of medicine as we now know it.

The Texas ACGP is calling upon all Texas D.O.s to stand ready to assist TOMA in whatever manner feasible as the health care debate is played out at all levels. We will need your active involvement in order to make a difference in the eventual outcome. Personal involvement is called self-preservation. ■



# News from TCOM

## Hospital District Chief Named to TCOM Advisory Council



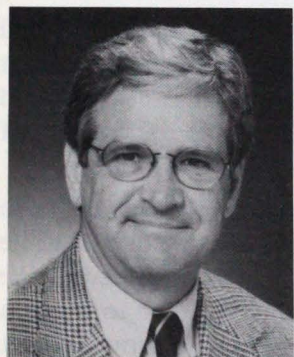
Tim Philpot, president and chief executive officer of the Tarrant County Hospital District, has been elected to the Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine Advisory Council by the TCOM Board of Regents. Philpot was elected to a three-year term.

"Tim Philpot has worked diligently to promote health care in the local community and nationally," said TCOM President David M. Richards, D.O., in recommending Philpot's election. "During the past two years, he has been instrumental in the organization of the Tarrant Medical Education Consortium. He worked cooperatively with TCOM, the University of North Texas and other members of the consortium to find ways of improving the quality of medical education and the availability of medical care in Tarrant County." The consortium also includes the hospital district, Harris Methodist Health System and the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas.

Philpot has served as the hospital district president and CEO since 1978. He is the representative of the American Hospital Association on the board of directors of the National Board of Medical Examiners. Richards recently became the first osteopathic physician to be elected as an at-large, voting member of the NBME.

Philpot also is a member of the Texas Hospital Association's Board of Directors and the American College of Hospital Executives. He serves as secretary of the Texas Health Facilities Development Corporation and as a member of the Texas Commission on Health Care Reimbursement Alternatives and the Family Practice Residency Advisory Committee to the Coordinating Board on Higher Education for Texas.

## TCOM Hires First Planned-Giving Director



Rod Hailey, a former Fort Worth bank vice president and trust officer, joined Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine as its first director of planned giving May 3.

Hailey will design and implement a program to identify prospective donors, focusing on alumni, past donors and local residents. His role is an essential part of an aggressive development program, said

TCOM Associate Vice President for Development M. Davenport, C.P.A. "Corporate donations, annual campaigns and phonathons are important — they're the first level of giving — but the way to establish a large endowment and move ahead is through planned giving. Rod's a Fort Worth native and has the contacts and the credibility to excel in this job."

A 1966 graduate of Texas Christian University, Hailey believes the key to success in any planned-giving program is an institution's visibility within the community. "You need to get and keep our name in front of potential donors and their estate planners so that when they think of the ultimate disposition of their assets, they think of TCOM," Hailey said. "We want to be at the top of the list when they think of organizations that deserve their support."

Through their wills, participants in TCOM's planned giving program can make long-term contributions to the TCOM Foundation of donating cash, securities or real estate; a percentage of their estate; or property remaining after other bequests have been fulfilled, all without risking their current financial security, Hailey explained. "Gifts can be specified as unrestricted or for a specific purpose (such as scholarships or establishment of an endowed chair). Other methods of tax-deductible planned giving include charitable trusts and life insurance."

Hailey brings more than 26 years of trust experience — nearly all of it in banking — to his new position. He has been vice president and trust officer at the former First National Bank of Fort Worth, senior vice president and trust officer at the former Republic Bank, Ridglea and senior vice president and trust officer at the East Texas National Bank in Palestine, Texas. He served on the board of directors of the Palestine Chamber of Commerce, is a past member and treasurer of the Tarrant County Association for the Blind and is a past member of the board of directors of the YMCA Westside Branch.

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# Blood Bank Briefs for Physicians

## Coronary Artery Bypass Surgery and Cold Agglutinins

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Some 368,000 coronary artery bypass graft (CABG) procedures were performed in 1989. An analysis of the data on transfusion practices revealed 70% of the patients were transfused with red blood cells. The transfusion practices were shown to be highly variable in laboratory as well as clinical practices. Physicians providing CABG must be familiar with the effects of cardiopulmonary bypass on blood elements and the special concerns related to serologic testing peculiar to patients undergoing CABG.

A key integral component of cardiopulmonary bypass circuits are heat exchangers used to warm and cool the patient's blood. Hypothermia decreases metabolic demand, facilitating artificial oxygenation of cardiopulmonary bypass. Patients are often systemically cooled by the heat exchange component of the cardiopulmonary bypass system. Moderate hypothermia in the range of 28°C to 32°C is most often used. In addition, cardioplegia techniques are designed to provide a bloodless operative field while preserving the myocardium during aortic cross clamping. The cardioplegic solutions range from 4°C to 10°C.

This hypothermic environment in CABG surgery increases the potential for adverse clinical effects of cold-reactive proteins. These include otherwise benign cold antibodies such as low-titered auto antibodies, e.g., anti-I naturally occurring cold reactive allo-antibodies, e.g., i-P1 occurring in healthy patients as well as the pathologic cryoproteins including cold agglutinins and precipitate. Clinical complications of these pathologic cold antibodies include hemolysis, microvascular occlusion and renal failure.

Based on reported clinical studies and the rarity of reported adverse effects in patients with non-pathologic antibodies, it appears patients can undergo hypothermic cardiopulmonary bypass without risk of hemolysis or microvascular occlusion. It also seems warranted to use extended laboratory evaluation for antibodies in asymptomatic patients with benign antibodies.

In cases involving *pathologic* cold antibodies, e.g., patients with cold hemagglutinin disease, one must use measures as reducing antibody effect or normothermic cardiopulmonary bypass with blood cardioplegia. One should also determine the thermal threshold of the

antibody and use a systemic cardiopulmonary bypass temperature above the threshold of reactivity.

The issue of detection of cold antibodies takes on special significance in patients undergoing cardiopulmonary bypass and the biologic effect of cold antibodies can become significant in CABG patients.

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# Doctors Hospital Scholarship Foundation in Groves Awards Annual Scholarship



Doctors Hospital Scholarship Foundation in Groves has awarded its annual scholarship to Thomas Huff, a Junior at Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine in Fort Worth, announced Foundation President Mrs. Marilyn Morrell. A 1976 graduate of Bishop Byrne High School, Huff is the son of Mrs. Heloise Huff of Port

Arthur.

On the Dean's List for Fall 1992 (highest average for semester) Huff is a member of the Emergency Medicine Club, American Osteopathic Association, Texas Pharmaceutical Association, and recently coordinated the drug utilization evaluation at the Osteopathic Medical Center of Fort Worth.

Huff says, "The status of my career orientation continues to evolve with my studies." Before being accepted at TCOM, Huff was a pharmacist.

"The Foundation is planning a Luau Party fundraiser Saturday, September 11, in order to increase our award amount and help keep up with the rising cost of tuition,"

stated Morrell. "Last year our Sock Hop with an Elvis Presley imitator was a tremendous success, raising over \$6,000."

The Foundation has no paid directors or personnel and last year, many people volunteered their services or time for the first fundraiser party.

TCOM students from this area are the primary candidates for receiving this scholarship, based upon scholastic achievement, motivation toward patient care, medicine, and character.

Graduates of TCOM have a Doctor of Osteopathy (D.O.) degree which allows them to offer a comprehensive range of modern medical services, including preventive medicine, diagnosis, drug therapy, surgery, and hospital referral. In addition, their unique training in OM (osteopathic manipulative therapy) provides patients with still another dimension of care. More than 50 million patient-visits are made to D.O.'s each year. Over half of the country's D.O.'s practice in small towns and rural areas — demonstrating their desire to bring health care to those communities with the greatest need.

## TOMA Develops New "Texas Controlled Substance Record Book"

The Texas Osteopathic Medical Association (TOMA) is pleased to announce the development of the TOMA "Controlled Substance Record Book." This 125-page record book was created specifically by physicians, for physician use. Development of such a book was the brainchild of James E. Froelich, III, D.O., of Bonham, who felt a log book designed just for physicians would lessen some of the frustration of having to keep such an inventory.

Special features of the TOMA "Controlled Substance Record Book" include complete and easy directions for proper use of the book; general information; a brief guide to controlled substance schedules; and laws and rules pertaining to controlled substance recordkeeping. The book is spiral bound and has a laminated cover to ensure long life even with heavy usage.

Texas law requires that an inventory of controlled drugs, which includes purchases, acquisitions or disposal of controlled substances, along with samples, be kept in a special log book. This book has been approved for use by the Texas Department of Public Safety.

This book is available to TOMA members for \$15; TOMA non-members may purchase it for \$20. To order, send your check made payable to: Texas Osteopathic Medical Association, One Financial Center, 1717 IH 35, Suite 100, Round Rock, Texas 78664-2901 or call 1-800-444-TOMA.



# Public Health Notes

## *Thoughts On Conquering Nature and The Evolution of Hantaviruses*

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The lead article in the July 2, 1993 edition of MMWR begins, "During the 1980s, human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) infection emerged as a leading cause of death in the United States." The first cases of Pneumocystis carinii pneumonia and Kaposi's sarcoma in gay men were reported in summer of 1981. This condition was later to be given broader definition and the name Acquired immunodeficiency Syndrome (AIDS). Nearly twelve years later we have reported 300,000 cases of AIDS and over 180,000 deaths from the condition in the United States. While our understanding of the epidemiology and biology of AIDS has grown a great deal over the past decade, understanding of the origin of HIV-1 is still in doubt. Current thought is that the virus moved from non-human primates to humans in central Africa in recent decades (1950s-1960s) and then to other human populations throughout the world, or alternatively from historically resistant African populations to susceptible populations in Africa and elsewhere as a result of rural-to-urban and international migration trends. At this point, there is no conclusive evidence for either scenario. There are those who argue that the case for true African origin is still in doubt. In 1993 we still are not clear as to the origin of HIV and the explanation for its emergence as the killer of the 1980s.

In the same issue of MMWR quoted above, the final article is titled, "Update: Hantavirus Infection — United States." In the June 11, 1993 MMWR, a report was made of an acute illness consisting of fever, myalgias, headache, and cough which were followed by the development of respiratory failure. Unlike the situation with AIDS, public health workers rapidly identified a serologic pattern in these cases consistent with hantavirus infection. It is most thought-provoking to witness the emergence of a deadly new viral syndrome one decade after the emergence of AIDS.

Hantaviruses are RNA viruses, and members of the family Bunyoviridae. Hantavirus associated illnesses have been reported from China, Korea, Scandinavia, Russia, the Balkans, and other areas of eastern and southern Europe as well as Brazil. There have been periodic

reports of human hantavirus disease in the United States during the 1980s and 1990s. Until the reports beginning in June of this year, however, hantavirus disease had not been identified in the southwest United States. Another unusual aspect of these recently reported cases is the respiratory component which results in rapid respiratory failure and death in most of the cases who have ranged in age from the 20s to the 50s. Previous reports of hantavirus disease have described a renal syndrome with hemorrhagic fever. In previously reported cases, findings have been backache, headache, abdominal pain, anorexia, vomiting, proteinuria, hypotension and shock at times, but no respiratory failure. Such illnesses have been reported since the 1930s. The disease now being reported appears to be caused by a "newly recognized" hantavirus whose primary reservoir is Peromyscus maniculatus, the deer mouse. The modes of transmission are inhalation of aerosolized rodent urine, feces or saliva or direct inoculation of these materials.

Cases of hantavirus disease are now being reported in Texas. Physicians who suspect hantavirus disease should report it to the Texas Department of Health (1-800-252-8239). One tube of blood should be drawn (red top) and any tissue specimens saved. Ribavirin given IV has been of some therapeutic benefit when given early in the disease. It is not yet FDA approved. Rodents should be avoided, and rodent populations should be eliminated from areas of human habitation. Rodents and their excreta should not be touched with bare hands.

It was a beautiful spring day in 1981. I had recently completed my training at the University of Alabama at Birmingham. I was musing about the power of modern medicine, in particular about how we had or were about to conquer all the significant infectious diseases, at least in the United States. Humans would soon be free of infectious diseases forever. It appears I was somewhat premature. I was soon to begin a painful journey into the reality of our existence. Nature continues to confound and challenge us. Are there other deadly infectious agents out there which one day will be labeled "newly discovered?" Doubtless there are and they will be our new challenges far into the future. ■



# FYI

## NEW WARNING APPROVED FOR OTC VAGINAL CANDIDIASIS PRODUCTS

Women who use nonprescription drugs for vaginal candidiasis will now be warned that frequent or persistent yeast infections may be due to one of many medical conditions, including infection with the AIDS virus.

Manufacturers of these products agreed in October 1992 to add new statements to the patient package leaflet and the product's carton. The statements say, in part: "Various medical conditions can damage the body's normal defenses against infection. One of the most serious of these conditions is infection with the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV — the virus that causes AIDS). Infection with HIV causes the body to be more susceptible to infections, including vaginal yeast infections."

Women who experience frequent or persistent yeast infections that do not respond to proper treatment are advised to see their physicians promptly to determine the cause. The labeling already states that recurrent infections may result from hormonal changes or from the use of oral contraceptives or antibiotics.

## WOMEN'S HEALTH INITIATIVE BEGINS THIS FALL

Clinical investigation into the causes of disease and death in midlife and older women is due to begin on a large scale this fall. Known as the Women's Health Initiative, the 15-year, \$625 million study is being sponsored by the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and will involve more than 160,000 women ages 50-79. The goal is to understand and prevent the major causes of death and disability in American women: heart disease, cancer, osteoporosis and depression.

## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF TSBME TO RESIGN

During meetings of the Texas State Board of Medical Examiners June 14-15, TSBME Executive Director Homer R. Goehrs, M.D., announced his resignation effective October 31, 1993. A Search Committee has been appointed to select another executive director.

## MAKE A NOTE: NEW NAME FOR TCOM

As of August 30, Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine will be known as the University of North Texas Health Science Center at Fort Worth.

## FDA ORDERS COMPANIES TO TONE DOWN HEARING AID ADS

The Food and Drug Administration has warned six leading hearing aid manufacturers to toss misleading claims from their ads or face product confiscation and/or court action. Specifically, the FDA warned of ad claims that stipulate all users of hearing aids benefit equally, a claim the FDA says is unsupported by clinical data. Additionally, the FDA says some companies are going overboard in stating that the devices would eliminate background noise in crowded rooms, etc., when realistically, background noise can only be filtered out to some degree.

## AOA OFFERS NEW VIDEO

Physicians looking for a new marketing tool to promote the osteopathic profession to patients and/or potential patients can take advantage of the AOA's new career videotape — *Osteopathic Medicine: A Career in Caring*.

The video can be played in an office

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## TMA INSTALLS NEW PRESIDENT

Robert M. Tenery, Jr., M.D., was recently installed as the new president of the Texas Medical Association. Dr. Tenery has an ophthalmology practice in Dallas.

## CHANGES IN THE TEXAS CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES SCHEDULES

As of June 7, 1993, thebaine-derived butorphanol has been removed from Schedule II of the Texas Controlled Substances Act.

Additionally, the substance zolpidem has been added to Schedule IV of the Texas Controlled Substances Act, as of June 3, 1993.

## TB WARNINGS

The Texas Department of Health warns that changes in the epidemiology of tuberculosis across the country have disrupted the national goal of eliminating the disease. According to the World Health Organization, TB has emerged in the 1990s as the world's worst infectious disease, although it was once thought to be under control. TB cases in Texas have increased 43 percent since 1987. For TB information, call your local health department, the closest TDH regional office, or the TDH state office at the following number: Information Line, TB Elimination Division, (512) 458-7447, Monday through Friday, between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. ■



# Commission Announces New Regional Alignment, Satellite Offices

The Texas Workers' Compensation Commission, as of March 1, shifted four of its field offices to other administrative regions and shifted responsibility for handling the claims of injured workers in 22 counties to different field offices.

The realignment will allow the Commission to comply with the Uniform Service Region requirements mandated by the Texas Legislature. The requirements, contained in the general appropriations act, divide the state into five service regions. State agencies must collect and report information according to the statewide service regions. In addition, agencies that maintain field or regional offices must align them so that their service areas conform to the statewide service region boundaries.

The TWCC realignment shifted the Wichita Falls Field Office from Region I to Region IV; Waco from Region I to Region III; Bryan-College Station from Region II to Region III; and Del Rio from Region IV to Region I. A list of the counties that shifted to other field offices follows.

In addition, the Commission will establish satellite offices in Angleton and Del Rio. The satellite offices will be staffed by an Ombudsman and support staff. The satellite offices are part of a pilot program to increase the level of customer service provided to injured workers.

COUNTY	NEW FIELD OFFICE
Borden	Midland-Odessa
Brewster	El Paso
Brooks	Laredo
Cottle	Wichita Falls
Crockett	San Angelo
Dawson	Midland-Odessa
Erath	Fort Worth
Gaines	Midland-Odessa
Gonzalez	Victoria
Hunt	Denton
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Mills	Waco
Montgomery	Houston
Navarro	Dallas
Runnels	Abilene
San Jacinto	Lufkin
San Saba	Waco
Sutton	San Angelo
Terrell	San Angelo
Walker	Houston

## TCOM Lab Director Elected to TSBR Board

Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine faculty member Keene Q. Daniels, D.V.M., has been elected to a three-year term on the board of directors of the Texas Society for Biomedical Research (TSBR).

TSBR is a nonprofit organization that supports biomedical research efforts to extend human life and enhance human health.

Daniels has served as director of TCOM's Laboratory Animal Medicine and Animal Care Facilities since 1989. He earned his B.S. degree in engineering and animal science from Southern University in Baton Rouge, Louisiana in 1980 and 1981, respectively. He earned a doctorate degree from Louisiana State University School of Veterinary Medicine in 1986.

Daniels is a member of the board of directors of the Fort Worth Zoo, and belongs to the American Veterinary

Medical Association, the American Association of Laboratory Animal Practitioners, the Laboratory Animal Management Association and the Scientist Center for Laboratory Animal Welfare.

### Brain Brew

A recent study in *Psychopharmacology* reports that people who consume six cups of coffee daily have six percent quicker reaction times than non-coffee drinkers. Additionally, the six-cup drinkers scored four to five percent higher on memory and reasoning tests than coffee teetotalers. The study involved over 7,000 people.



# CHAMPUS News

## CHAMPUS Test Expands from New Orleans to Four Military Base Areas in Texas, Louisiana

CHAMPUS expanded its "CHAMPUS Reform Initiative" test program from New Orleans to the areas around several military bases in Texas and Louisiana on May 1, 1993.

Three of the four bases are scheduled for closure. They are: Bergstrom and Carswell Air Force Bases, in Texas; and England Air Force Base, in Louisiana. The program in Louisiana also includes the area around the Army's Fort Polk.

CHAMPUS-eligible persons in any of the four areas who want to enroll in the part of the new program called "CHAMPUS Prime" will pay an annual enrollment fee, as follows:

- Families of active-duty E-4s and below — no enrollment fee;
- Families of active-duty E-5s and above — \$35 per member, with a maximum fee of \$100 per family.

Then, they will be assigned a primary health care provider and will receive their care from within a network of providers, paying a small fee for each visit (the amount of the fee depends on the type of service received, and on whether the patient is a member of an active-duty service member's or military retiree's family).

Here's a typical example of per-visit costs: For a visit to a primary care doctor's office, a member of an active-duty E-4's family will pay \$5; a family member of an active-duty E-5 or above pays \$10; a retiree or member of a retiree's family pays \$15. For laboratory and x-ray services, when not part of an office visit, the fees for the three categories of patients will be \$5, \$10 and \$10, respectively. For up to a 30-day supply of prescription, the costs would be \$4, \$4 and \$8, respectively.

Civilian health care providers who become part of the CHAMPUS Prime and CHAMPUS Extra network will file claims on behalf of their patients.

In the PPO (preferred provider organization) part of the program, which is called CHAMPUS Extra, the benefits are the same as under standard CHAMPUS. Families visit providers of care who are part of a network, and who have agreed to accept lower fees for their services to CHAMPUS patients. Patients' cost-shares are also reduced over standard CHAMPUS cost-shares. The PPO has no enrollment fee, but the regular CHAMPUS deductible applies.

Persons may obtain information about enrollment in CHAMPUS Prime, or information about CHAMPUS

Extra, by writing to: Foundation Health, P.O. Box 28, Rancho Cordova, Calif. 95741. Or, call 1-800-982-0029.

Foundation Health Federal Services, the new CHAMPUS contractor for the Bergstrom-Carswell and England-Polk areas, will process new CHAMPUS claims for the standard CHAMPUS program for services received by patients on or after May 1, 1993. The current contractors for the four areas will continue to process claims they received before May 1. They will also continue to receive and process CHAMPUS claims through June 30, for services received before May 1. After June 30, the new contractor will receive and process all claims, regardless of the treatment date.

The only exception to the above will be persons who are enrolled in a special program called "Medexcel," now at Bergstrom Air Force Base. For care received before May 1, these enrollees will have their claims handled by the current contractor, and will continue to send their claims to Blue Cross-Blue Shield of South Carolina, P.O. Box 100511, Florence, S.C. 29501-0511.

Military families may check with the Health Benefits Advisor at the nearest base hospital or clinic to see if the ZIP Code of their residence falls within the ZIP Code service area of one of the four bases in which the CHAMPUS Prime test program will operate.

Enrollment in CHAMPUS Prime is voluntary, and there's no enrollment requirement for CHAMPUS Extra. CHAMPUS-eligible persons may choose to keep using the standard CHAMPUS program instead.

The new contractor's addresses for submitting claims under the standard CHAMPUS program are:

For people living in the designated Texas areas:

Foundation Health Federal Services, Inc.  
Texas Claims  
P. O. Box 8997  
Madison, WI 53708-8997

For claims questions, call 1-800-982-0029.

For people living in the Alexandria/Fort Polk, Louisiana, areas:

Foundation Health Federal Services, Inc.  
Louisiana Claims  
P. O. Box 8996  
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For claims questions, call 1-800-847-7463.



## CHAMPUS Now Treats HMO Coverage Like Any Other Primary Health Insurance

CHAMPUS has changed the way it cost-shares civilian health care when a person also has coverage by an HMO (health maintenance organization).

Previously, CHAMPUS shared the cost of only that portion of a charge which the HMO didn't cover. But HMO coverage has become much more common as primary health insurance for CHAMPUS-eligible families; and these families have more frequently encountered situations in which an HMO has specific payment limits on the types of care that it covers. Also, the HMOs' user fees have increased significantly, and the HMOs require their members to pay several hundred dollars for each inpatient hospital admission.

Result: Some families had to pay substantial amounts for civilian care when an HMO limited its payment, and CHAMPUS policy may not have allowed the program to pay at all in these cases.

So, CHAMPUS has changed its policy, and now considers HMOs to be the same as any other primary health insurance coverage. CHAMPUS will share the cost of covered care received from an HMO (including the HMO's user fees), after the HMO has paid all it's going to pay, under the following conditions:

(1) The provider of care must meet CHAMPUS provider certification standards;

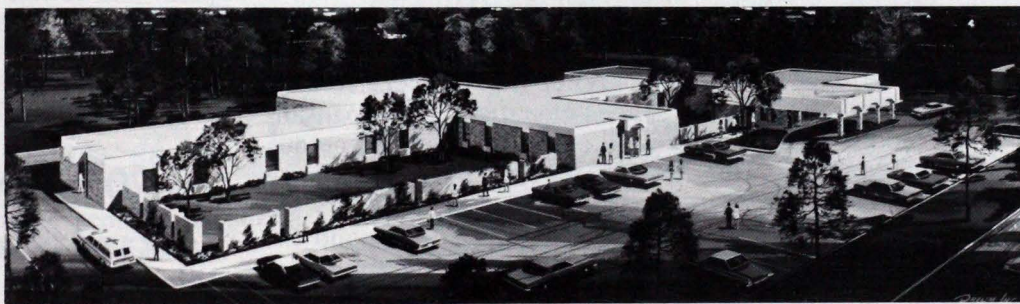
(2) The type of care or service provided must be a CHAMPUS benefit, and must be medically necessary.

When an HMO has a limit on how much it will pay, CHAMPUS will share the cost of only that portion of the charge which the HMO does not cover. This includes emergency services received outside the HMO's normal service area.

CHAMPUS generally won't cost-share services a person obtains outside the HMO, if the services are available through the HMO. For example, if an HMO normally would cover a particular service, but it denies payment because it could have provided the service (such as a situation in which a patient obtains psychiatric services outside the HMO because he or she doesn't like the HMO's psychiatrist), CHAMPUS in most cases won't pay anything on the claim.

CHAMPUS contractors will re-process or adjust claims involving HMO coverage that were submitted before March 3, 1993, and were processed under the old rules, when asked to do so by the submitter. ■

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