Fifth District Report to the MSSNY Council Meeting
March 5, 2019 (Report last updated February 22, 2019)

The Fifth District includes Cayuga, Chenango, Herkimer, Jefferson, Lewis, Madison, Oneida, Onondaga, Oswego, and St. Lawrence Counties.

The Medical Society of the County of Cayuga will be meeting on Wednesday, February 27, 2019 in Auburn, NY. I am planning on attending this meeting. The Executive Council of the Onondaga County Medical Society (OCMS) will be held on Tuesday, March 12, 2019 at 6:00 pm. The location is Arthritis Health Associates, 5794 Widewaters Parkway (use side door), Syracuse, NY 13214. The Onondaga County Medical Society will be holding their annual Legislative Forum on April 6, 2019. Please see the attached flyer, furnished by Onondaga County Medical Society, Patricia Corasaniti, Office Manager, for further information. I attended the MSSNY Long Range Planning Committee Regionalization Subcommittee teleconference on February 20, 2019.

I spoke to Ruth H. Hart, MD, who is an active MSSNY member having been on the HOD Delegation and Executive Council from the Onondaga County Medical Society. She has elicited feedback from the medical students at SUNY Upstate Medical University about their concerns with regards to the process by which attending physicians verify in the medical record any student documentation. Some of the concerns that the students raised include what is the best means to attest that the teaching physician has verified in the medical record all student documentation or findings, including history, physical exam, and/or medical decision making and personally performed (or re-performed) the physical exam and medical decision making activities of the E/M service being billed, how timely must this verification occur, and how the changes affect the medical/legal risk a medical student may incur, such as with regards to malpractice, discrepancies in the documentation between the medical student and physicians, and billing.

CMS has changed the documentation rules with regards to medical students, implemented March 5, 2018. The background for your reference (from CMS):

“The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is revising the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, Chapter 12, Section 100.1.1, to update policy on Evaluation and Management (E/M) documentation to allow the teaching physician to verify in the medical
record any student documentation of components of E/M services, rather than re-documenting
the work. Students may document services in the medical record. However, the teaching
physician must verify in the medical record all student documentation or findings, including
history, physical exam and/or medical decision making. The teaching physician must personally
perform (or re-perform) the physical exam and medical decision making activities of the E/M
service being billed, but may verify any student documentation of them in the medical record,
rather than re-documenting this work.”

Respectfully submitted,

Howard Huang, MD, Jefferson County, 5th District Councilor
ONONDAGA COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETY
2019 LEGISLATIVE FORUM
SATURDAY, APRIL 6
9:00-9:30 A.M. — REGISTRATION AND COFFEE
9:30-11:00 A.M. — DISCUSSION
1 Member Way
Syracuse, NY 13212

All Physicians and Medical Students Are Welcome!

- Meet and interact with local, state and federal representatives to find out where they stand on issues of importance to public health and the practice of Medicine.
- There will be an opportunity for Q&A and sharing your thoughts as well.
- RSVP by April 1 to the Onondaga County Medical Society, (315) 424-8118, or oncms@oncms.org.

The following legislators have been invited to attend:

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