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President's Message

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Greetings! It seems like every time I begin to write one of these messages, I am knee deep in some nerve wracking sports event---such as March Madness. Our Spartans certainly provided some excitement for us. I'm sure my heart stopped a couple of times!

What a wild couple of weeks as well in the health care industry. In the same weekend, we all heard the breaking news about the DMC sale to for-profit Vanguard Health Systems. Then Congress passed the health care reform bill. It is too early to tell what these changes will all mean to our industry, but I am sure the coming months will prove to be interesting.

The Chapter is also a flurry of activity this time of year. As the HFMA "year" is May 1 to April 30, we submitted tons of documentation for several Yerger Awards. We are in the process of completing our required reporting for year-end to assure the Chapter meets all of its goals, as well as finalizing the last educational programs for the year. This year the Chapter will submit four individual chapter and two multi-chapter Yerger Award submissions. Many thanks to Maria Abrahamsen, who led the project, along with others who have contributed to the submissions. Special thanks to all of our chapter volunteers who did such fine work to allow us the many submissions. The Chapter will receive word on the awards in May and receive them at ANI. If all goes well, we will need a big wagon to carry them all. To date, the Chapter is expected to complete the year meeting all of its goals assigned by National. Membership is currently at 618, with our goal for the year being 597. As we began the year our membership numbers dropped to 525. I must admit this was the goal that felt the most challenging---given the state of our economy and hospital cutbacks. Yet here we are through the great work of our Membership Committee---with higher than expected members. We are seeing new members from various hospital institutions and related industries, adding to the organizational diversity of our Chapter.

The results of our recent election are in. I want to congratulate the recently elected chapter officers and board members. Thank you for your commitment to the Chapter and your fellow members. For a list of the newly elected officers and board members, see page 2. Please give the new leaders your support and cooperation so we can keep the Chapter strong. At

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this time, I would like to extend thanks to two board members who will be leaving the Board, Mike Berryman and John Napiewocki. I am pleased that Mike will remain as co-chair of the Membership Committee and John will continue as Co-Chair of the Revenue Cycle Committee even though both are devoting time to new career endeavors at this time.

As I wind down this message and my year as chapter president, I want to say how honored I have been to serve in this role and the many other roles leading up to it. The Eastern Michigan Chapter rocks!!! I so appreciate the enthusiasm and fine work of the team of volunteers who have supported me. The past presidents, officers, board, committee co-chairs, and Susan Stokes, our administrative assistant, are the best group anyone who could ask for. With my new title of ***past president*** fast approaching, I want you all to know you have made this year go so smoothly and I owe you big time for all you have done.

Please be sure to join us for our Member Meeting in May with two outstanding speakers, Richard A. Swenson, MD, health care futurist, and our own Terry Moore, author and local health care leader. If you have heard Terry before, you know he is always entertaining and provides practical information to use in our work and personal lives. This time Terry will introduce us to his new book, "Reflections in the Rearview Mirror," which includes insights from well-known local and national hospital leaders. Dr. Swenson will focus on the issues of sustainability, self-care, and productivity. He will provide words of wisdom expected to inspire us to maintain high morale and passion in all we do.

At the meeting, we will also present chapter awards to many members and install the new officers and board. We certainly would like the support of the membership during this important event. I hope to see you there.



Congratulations to our Newly Elected Officers & Board

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Healthcare Reform Law: Resident Rotation to Non-provider Setting

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Attention Teaching Hospitals

To provide flexibility, Section 5504 of the recently enacted health reform legislation permits two or more hospitals that share the proportional costs of training in the non-provider setting to receive Medicare IME and GME, provided that they have a written agreement which shows their proportional costs.

Thus, while the original "written agreement" requirement became optional as of October 1, 2004, it now has become effective for shared training arrangements.

The effective date is cost reporting periods beginning on or after July 10, 2010. The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services will issue regulations implementing this provision. As soon as possible, however, teaching hospitals are well advised to enter into a written agreement which reflects each hospital's proportional cost of a shared non-provider training program.

Note as well that, although stated obliquely in the legislation, for past cost reporting periods there may be an opportunity for "jurisdictionally proper pending appeals" to be favorably settled.

Click link below for Section 5504 of Healthcare Reform

<http://hfmaemc.org/Documents/5504HealthReform.pdf>

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