

Bell Hospital – Ishpeming New Hospital Under Construction

Construction on the new Bell Hospital exterior is nearly complete. Interior work will begin in November. The entire construction process is scheduled for completion in the fall of 2008.

The new Hospital is located on 35 acres just off of U.S. Highway 41 East in Ishpeming. The hospital will be 102,427 square feet, with an attached 44,244 square foot medical office building for Bell Physicians.

Included in the vast line of technology will be Bell's state-of-the-art GE LightSpeed CT Scanner, a mobile MRI, and mobile Lithotripter. The Hospital is licensed for 25 beds: 21 private rooms, and 4 labor and delivery (LDRP) beds. All departments will be located within steps of each other with one main hallway with the focus on patient convenience.

Conrad State 30 J-1 Waiver Program Applications

The Michigan Conrad State 30 J-1 Waiver Program is now accepting requests for 2008 application packets. As you may know, the program can sponsor 30 waiver candidates per year. What you may not know is YOUR FACILITY MAY QUALIFY. Each state is now allotted 5 placements for non-Health Professional Shortage Areas (HPSAs).

This year Michigan will be accepting applications **November 1- November 30, 2007**.

- ❖ MUA/P area facilities are qualified to apply.
- ❖ Michigan seeks 14 rural placements each year.
- ❖ Federal laws have changed in recent years to allow each state to place 5 physicians in non-Health Professional Shortage Areas (HPSAs).

To request an application packet:

- ❖ Send a check for \$100 payable to the Michigan Health Council.
- ❖ Include physician's name, address, specialty and graduation date from residency.
- ❖ Mail to: Michigan Health Council
J-1 Visa Waiver Staff
2410 Woodlake Drive
Okemos, MI 48864

If you are interested and would like more information, please contact Michelle Lovass at 517-347-3336 or mlovaas@mimom.org.

New Application Opportunity for State Loan Repayment

The December 2007 Application Period will be the next opportunity for primary care medical providers to apply for a Michigan State Loan Repayment Program (MSLRP) contract.

MSLRP provides loan repayment assistance to medical, dental and mental health care professionals who are willing to provide full-time health care services in a health professional shortage area (HPSA) at a not-for profit health clinic for two or more years. Both competitive and local match contracts are available. Local match contracts require an employer matching contributions while competitive contracts are matched with state dollars.

Primary medical, dental and mental health care providers, such as physicians, dentists and psychiatrists, receive up to \$50,000 over their initial two-year contracts. Mid-level providers, such as physician assistants, nurse practitioners, MSWs and psychologists, receive up to \$30,000 for their first two years.

Please visit the MSLRP website at www.michigan.gov/mislrp, to learn more about how the program works, eligibility and

application requirements, and the selection process. Call me at: 517 241-9946 to discuss the best strategy for using MSLRP to assist you in your recruitment and retention efforts. You may also reach me by email at: MillerK3@michigan.gov.

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Website Change - www.mcrh.msu.edu



We've moved, the website that is. Our new home page is www.mcrh.msu.edu. Our website was relocated onto a larger, more efficient server on Michigan State University campus. The new website address also is shorter and easier to remember. If you want to still use the old address, no problem. You will be taken directly to the new site address.

Managing Prescribing Cost and Quality Among Independent Health Care Entities

A Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), Office of Rural Health Policy (ORHP) Grant, has allowed the Upper Peninsula Health Plan (UPHP) and the Upper Peninsula Health Care Network (UPHCN) to partner on a regional project for *Managing Prescribing Cost and Quality*, which promotes rational, clinically appropriate, safe and cost-effective pharmaceutical care.

The Upper Peninsula Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee of pharmacists and physicians, the project implemented a cooperative formulary-management system. The committee reviews drug classes and provides comprehensive new drug reviews focusing on safety, tolerability, efficacy, price, and simplicity. By consolidating resources, the reviews provide detailed analysis for which most hospitals do not have the resources.

UPHP members and providers are receiving pertinent information. Communication among all regional players has proved crucial to the project's ongoing success. Reviews focus on the STEPS Philosophy: Safety, Tolerability, Efficacy, Price, and Simplicity.

For further information regarding the project contact: Sheryl D. Waudby, MS, RPh, Pharmacy Director, Upper Peninsula Health Plan, sdwardby@uphp.com, (906) 225-7500, or Karen Kimar, MPH, Project Coordinator, Upper Peninsula Health Care Network, krkimar@uphecn.org, (906) 225-3146.

GRANT AWARDS

On September 5, 2007, the Michigan Department of Community Health received a notice of grant award from the federal Office of Rural Health Policy for the HIT-Flex Grant totaling \$1.6 million. The grant will have **Deckerville Community Hospital** and **Harbor Beach Community Hospital** operating electric medical records with an area tertiary care hospital in early 2009.

Hackley Lakeshore Hospital received \$343,096 from the USDA Rural Utilities Service through the Distance Learning and Telemedicine Program. The bulk of the grant will be used to purchase a Picture Archiving Communications System (PACS). Digitized images will be forwarded to Hackley Hospital Radiologists ensuring, timely and efficient customer care. The remainder of the grant is to purchase teleconferencing equipment – allowing employees the opportunity to participate in conferences at the hospital without eliminating travel time and cost. The availability of teleconferencing equipment will also allow Hackley Lakeshore to participate in distance learning opportunities around the country.

Charlevoix Area Hospital (CAH) was awarded a \$248,000 USDA Rural Utilities Service through the Distance Learning and Telemedicine Program and \$100,000 Dow Foundation grant to provide telemedicine services (voice and video from Beaver Island to the Charlevoix Area Hospital Emergency room and other sites. Additionally, CAH will install a Picture Archiving Communications System (PACS) to provide digital radiology services to Beaver Island, East Jordon, Bellaire, and Boyne City Clinics.

2007 Michigan Critical Access Conference

The 2007 Michigan Critical Access Hospital Conference information is on the Michigan Center for Rural Health web site: www.micrh@msu.edu Click on *Conferences*. This year's conference at Boyne Mt. Resort begins at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 7th and ends at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, November 8th. The Michigan Critical Access Hospital Quality Network Annual meeting is scheduled for 8:00 a.m. on Wednesday November 7th. For additional information contact Angie Emge at aemge@msu.edu or at 517-355-7757.

EMS TELECONFERENCE

Thursday, December 6, 2007, 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Topic: Assessing Patients in the Pre-Hospital Setting

Presenter: Shelly Dove RN/EMT-P

Flight Nurse Survival Flight Specialist; University of Michigan

Sponsored by: The Michigan Center for Rural Health and the Michigan Association of Ambulance Services.

Education Credits: Participants who participate for the entire program will receive 1 CEU.

Cost: There is no cost to participate in the conference call.

Objectives:

- Enhance knowledge of scene size-up.
- Outline the initial contact and identify priorities during the initial patient assessment.
- Describe the difference between assessment of the medical patient as compared to the trauma patient and utilize the focused history.
- Describe and understand the physical exam of both the trauma and medical patients.



- Describe and understand the need for the ongoing assessment of the patient.

Handouts:

- Upon receipt of your registration form, you will be provided via fax or e-mail the teleconference call in number
- 2-3 days prior to the program, you will need to download an Attendance Sheet, copy of the PowerPoint Presentation, program evaluation, and a short five question quiz from our website at www.mcrh.msu.edu
- You will be required to return the Attendance sheet, program evaluation and quiz to our office in order to obtain credit

For More Information:

Please contact Phyllis Ball, Education Coordinator, at (517) 355-8250 or
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GRAND ROUNDS:

ARTHRITIS

Held the second Wednesday of each month from Noon to 1:00 p.m. except in July and August.

Sponsored by: The Michigan Center for Rural Health and the Michigan Arthritis Collaborative Partnership.

- November 14 – Psoriatic Arthritis, -Robert Ike
- December 12 – Rheumatologic Emergencies, -Joseph McCune

Accreditation: St. Mary Mercy Hospital, an organization accredited by the MSMS Committee on CME Accreditation, designates that this activity meets the criteria for a maximum of one (1) credit hour in Category 1 credit towards the AMA Physician's Recognition Award.

GERIATRIC

Held the first Wednesday of each month from Noon to 1:00 p.m. except July and August.

Sponsored by: The Michigan Center for Rural Health and the Geriatric Education Center of Michigan.

- November 7- Assessment & Treatment of Somatic Dysfunction-Frank Komara, DO
- December 5-Prostate Disease (BPH) and Cancer TBA

Accreditation: This activity has been planned and implemented in accordance with the Essential Areas and Policies of the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education through the joint sponsorship of the Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Medicine and the Michigan Center for Rural Health.

NURSING

Held quarterly from Noon to 1:00 p.m.

Sponsored by: The Michigan Center for Rural Health and MSU College of Nursing

- November 6 – Title: Bridging the Gap: Intergenerational Issues in Nursing -Kathleen Kessler MSN RN APRN BC

Accreditation: Participants who attend the entire session and complete an evaluation form will receive a certificate for 1.5 contact hours. Michigan State University College of Nursing is an approved provider of continuing nursing education by the Michigan Nurses Association, an accredited approver by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation.

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PSYCHIATRY

Held quarterly from Noon to 1:00 p.m.

Sponsored by: The Michigan Center for Rural Health and the MSU Department of Psychiatry.

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SOCIAL WORK

Held quarterly from noon – 1:15 pm

Sponsored by: The Michigan Center for Rural Health and the MSU School of Social Work

- Dec. 6 - Pain Management

Accreditation: Michigan State University School of Social Work (Provider No. 1136) is approved by the Association of Social Work boards (ASWB) approved continuing Education (ACE) program: www.aswb.org: 1-800-335-6880. ASWB ACE-approved programs are recognized in Michigan. In addition, Wisconsin, Illinois, and Indiana recognize ACE-approved providers. Social workers should verify recognition of ACE approval with their state boards.

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INTERESTING QUOTE:

“It is the province of knowledge to speak and it is the privilege of wisdom to listen.”

-Oliver Wendell Holmes

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