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From The Board

Welcome to all the new members that attended the meeting on March 7th. We are making slow but important strides in improving the environment to practice urgent care medicine in the State of Michigan.

Important Highlights from our meeting

Topics	Discussion
Physician Group Incentive Program (PGIP)	The board is engaging BCBS in discussions to qualify Urgent Care Centers for PGIP dollars for improved performance regardless of involvement in a PHO or ACO group
Global Payers	The board will continue to engage HAP and BCN in talks to improve our compensation to enable us to continue to improve access and decrease medical cost for their members
Radiology Billing	BCBSM will now pay for Urgent Care Centers for nasal/rib/facial x-rays
Meaningful Use	Some have already qualified for Stage I. Stage 2 is not yet defined.
Recognition of Urgent Care Centers in the State of Michigan	The goal of the board is to see this happen. There are many challenges ahead but other States have done this. We feel that Urgent Care Centers should have a unique fee schedule, somewhere between a Primary Care Clinic and the Emergency Department.



Membership

Membership in UCAOM is only \$100 per Urgent Care Center. To join, please email a request to:

board@ucaom.org

JOIN US IN LAS VEGAS UCAOA STATE MEETING

April 18 4:45pm – 5:45pm

Next Meeting

**Wednesday May 2nd at
9:00am at Grid4
communications in Troy.**

Lunch will be provided.

RSVP to:

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Did You Know?

For some surgical procedures such as laceration repair, you can bill for an E/M code in addition to the CPT code for the laceration - provided that you can justify the reason why the evaluation was needed such as: the patient fell or was involved in a motor vehicle collision.

