



# WASHTENAW COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETY

## DECEMBER 2018 NEWSLETTER HIGHLIGHTS

*Holiday Jingle Mingle This Saturday at WCMS | WCMS Opposes Rule to Define "Public Charge" | WCMS Bulletin Q4 Released | Call for MSMS House of Delegates Resolutions | MOC Legislation Clears MI House of Representatives*

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS

**WCMSA [Holiday Jingle Mingle](#) to Benefit Corner Health Center**  
Saturday, Dec. 8 from 2:30-4:30 PM at WCMS

**MSMS Twitter Chat on Auto No-Fault**  
Tuesday, Dec. 11 from 12-1 PM on Twitter [#NoFaultSavesLives](#)

**WCMS Executive Council (EC) Meeting**  
Thursday, Jan. 3 from 6:30-8:00 PM at WCMS

**[House of Delegates \(HOD\) Resolutions](#) Deadline for EC Review**  
Wednesday, Feb. 6 by 5:00 PM to [WCMS electronically](#)

**HOD Resolution Consideration with WCMS Executive Council**  
Thursday, Feb. 7 from 6:30-8:00 PM at WCMS

**MSMS House of Delegates Meeting**  
Saturday, May 4-Sunday, May 5 at the Radisson Hotel and Suites in Kalamazoo

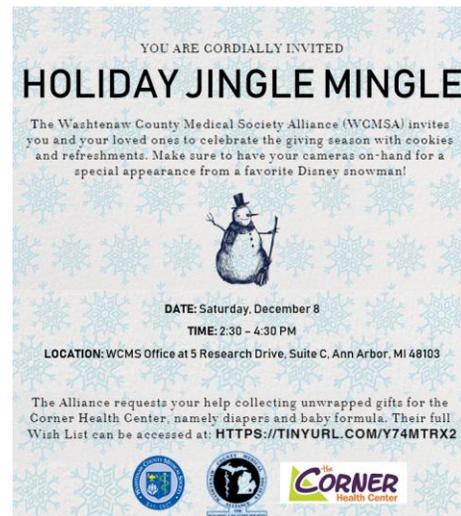


### WCMS Alliance to Host "Jingle Mingle" this Saturday Benefiting Corner Health Center

The WCMS Alliance (WCMSA) invites you and your loved ones to celebrate the giving season by bringing an unwrapped gift for the [Corner Health Center](#) this Saturday, Dec. 8. The Corner is in need of a number of items including, diapers and baby formula. Their full [Wish List can be accessed here](#).

The Jingle Mingle is a family-friendly event. Attendees will be treated to hot chocolate, cookie decorating, and holiday spirit. Make sure to have your cameras on-hand for a special appearance from a favorite Disney snowman!

RSVP to [events@wcms-mi.org](mailto:events@wcms-mi.org)!



## WCMS Opposes Rule to Define "Public Charge" for Immigrants

This fall, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) released a notice of proposed rulemaking that would reshape how the federal government defines "public charge" – a term used by federal immigration authorities to determine whether an individual seeking immigration status is likely to become primarily dependent on the federal government for subsistence. The draft rule would widen the scope of programs and factors that federal immigration authorities may consider when determining if an individual qualifies as a "public charge."



After review and collaboration with Jessie Kimbrough Marshall, MD, MPH and the Washtenaw County Health Department, the WCMS Executive Council agreed to comment on the rule and oppose the measure. To read the full comment letter submitted by WCMS, [please click here](#).

WCMS joins a number of other groups that have also opposed the measure, including the American Medical Association (AMA). Organizations have expressed concern about the rule's potential on public health measures, namely immunizations, controlling infectious diseases, and other critical family health care choices.

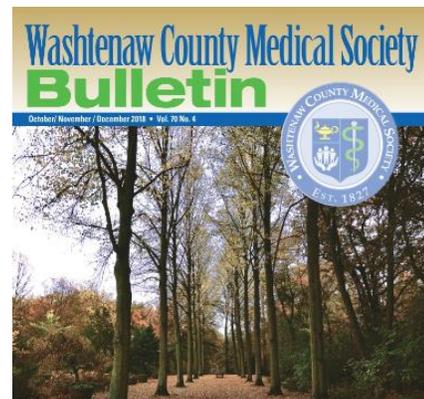
The [comment period](#) closes on Monday, Dec. 10.

## WCMS Bulletin: 4th Quarter

Make sure to read the winter issue of the [WCMS Bulletin](#). Review articles discussing:

- medicine and politics,
- patient care,
- summaries from our WCMS MedConnect Balance and Candidate Forum events, and much more!

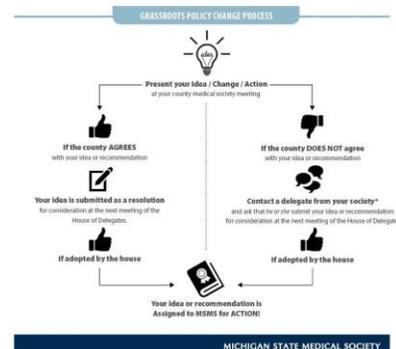
Contact the WCMS office at (734) 668-6241 if you would like a printed copy mailed to your address.



## Call for HOD Resolutions for WCMS Support

The House of Delegates is the official policy-making body of the Michigan State Medical Society (MSMS). Resolutions are the vehicles used to debate and determine the policies, priorities, and direction of MSMS. A well-crafted resolution is essential to present the most effective case for those issues that are of importance and concern.

In order for resolutions to be considered by the WCMS delegation, *resolutions must be [submitted electronically to WCMS](#) by 5:00 PM on February 6*. Once received, resolutions are reviewed by the



WCMS Executive Council for support and guidance prior to submission to MSMS. WCMS will assume responsibility for resolution submission to MSMS. All are welcome to submit resolutions individually to [MSMS online at this link](#) through March 1 by 5:00 PM.

To learn more about HOD and how to write a resolution, [please click here](#).

## MOC Legislation Clears MI House of Representatives

**Developing News:** Yesterday evening, two critical Maintenance of Certification (MOC) bills passed both the Michigan House Health Policy Committee and the full Michigan House of Representatives. MSMS is now working on a Senate hearing for these bills.

MSMS found support for the MOC initiative, [Right2Care](#), through Rep. Edward Canfield, DO. Rep. Canfield introduced HBs 4134 and 4135 which rein in MOC red tape, ensuring Michigan patients have a right to the highest quality health care, and that physicians have the right to deliver it.

This news comes after Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan (BCBSM) announced that beginning January 1, 2019, BCBSM will grant MOC exceptions for family medicine, internal medicine, and pediatric practitioners if their board certification status has lapsed and they are a designated patient-centered medical home physician. This will allow the practitioner to remain in their Blue Cross and BCN managed care networks.

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