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AMA survey looks for doc input on reform's real-life effects

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Posted by [choirnote](#)  on February 11, 2011 - 09:37AM EST
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By [AMA's survey](#) asks physicians to identify those rules and regulations that are increasing their administrative costs, adding to their paperwork load or interfering with patient care. Topics addressed in the survey include easing the burden of the Medicare enrollment process; establishing greater flexibility for federal health information technology requirements; and expediting the implementation of some of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act's provisions related to administrative simplification.

The AMA released the survey during the group's three-day national advocacy conference in Washington. CMS Administrator Donald Berwick, in a keynote address Wednesday morning, told audience members that the four main themes to focus on in healthcare today are simplicity, modernity, security and proactivity.

"Too many doctors, nurses are in a paper-and-pencil system," Berwick said, drawing laughs when he added, "The day of the hunter-gatherer medical record, I hope, is reaching an end."

Berwick, who will testify before the House Ways and Means Committee on Thursday about the healthcare reform law, also said he is "very concerned" about the sustainable growth-rate formula and that he and President Obama are fully committed to finding a solution to the issue. Stating twice that rules for accountable care organizations are coming "very soon," Berwick said he hoped audience members would comment on his agency's proposed regulations.
http://survey.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_dgxK4u5fz0GZheQ



By running the survey, the AMA shows that it is....

Check all that apply:

- ☐ Seriously interested in repealing the PPACA
- ☐ Seriously interested in improving the PPACA from the doc's point of view
- ☐ giving lip service to improving the PPACA
- ☐ giving lip service to doctors who are not AMA members
- ☐ Still playing games. +
- ☐ They are part of the problem +
- ☐ serious to be eliminated +
- ☐ trying to be relevant +

Other:

☐

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Psychiatry



Posted February 11, 2011 - 09:48AM EST

Took the survey, thanks for the heads-up. After you're done, it redirects you to the AMA's site so you can be "re-educated" on how they are helping us so much! Tee hee.

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Pediatrics



Posted February 11, 2011 - 10:35AM EST

I noticed a lot of things missing from the survey - had to write in under "other" - don't penalize doctors for practicing outside the "guidelines" and for patient non-compliance.

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Family Medicine



Posted February 11, 2011 - 10:43AM EST

The AMA certainly wouldn't have wanted to gather the opinion of doctors BEFORE they endorsed the dog turd legislation.

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Surgery - General



Posted February 11, 2011 - 10:57AM EST

Took the survey and gave only one answer under "other options"....repeal the PPACA and stop working with Don

Berwick.

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Emergency Medicine

Posted February 11, 2011 - 11:36AM EST

The AMA does not represent most physicians in the US. no survey they perform will be valid. The AMA is only interested in the AMA.

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Pain Medicine



Posted February 11, 2011 - 12:12PM EST

A very BS survey. No real ability to really give any input. Typical of AMA surveys.

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Oncology - Radiation



Posted February 11, 2011 - 12:21PM EST

I answered the survey and put a lot under "other" - eliminate ICD codes, eliminate E+M codes, eliminate PQRS, allow balance billing, reform EMTALA, Tort Reform, I don't even know what else.

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Posted February 11, 2011 - 12:58PM EST

They should have done a survey before they sold us out and supported this mess. This is just another ploy to prove to the media that they represent docs.

I did read recently that they were blackmailed into supporting the bill with threats of losing CPT income, but I haven't been able to confirm that that happened.

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Posted February 11, 2011 - 01:26PM EST

I clicked "other" and wrote: Repeal the PPACA. That's it.

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[xueelo](#)

Pathology



Posted February 11, 2011 - 03:45PM EST

I put repeal PPACA and abolish AMA

I'll probably get another mailer wanting me to buy their insurance and "re join" the AMA

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Family Medicine

Posted February 11, 2011 - 04:19PM EST

Q#1 Top 3 priorities

1. Repeal PPACA
2. Fix SGR
3. Eliminate CPT

Q#2 You are a...

"practicing family physician, disgruntled with AMA"

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Neurology



Posted February 11, 2011 - 09:07PM EST

As soon as the AMA gets some living and practicing physicians to join the survey may work!!!!

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Endocrinology



Posted February 11, 2011 - 10:00PM EST

eliminate CPT codes for E&M services; allow patients to contract with their physicians with transparent financial arrangements, eliminate SGR.

No Endocrinology or Nephrology in the specialty options???

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Otolaryngology



Posted February 13, 2011 - 05:17AM EST

How touching.

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Psychiatry



Posted February 14, 2011 - 01:10PM EST

Xueelo, putting "abolish AMA" in their survey was great to read. Thanks for the pick-me-up!

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OBGYN

Posted February 14, 2011 - 01:43PM EST

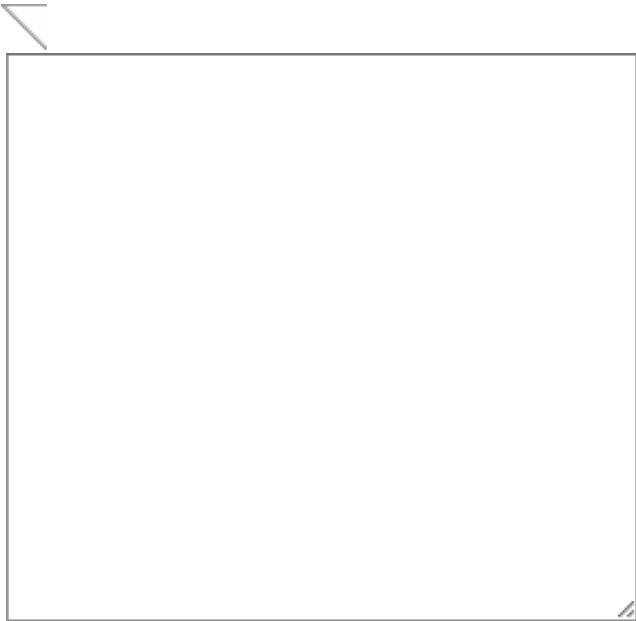
Don't belong to the AMA, so didn't know anything about the "survey". On the "Kevin" site there is a glowing account by a medical student of attending this meeting. He has a lot to learn. If Berwick is upset about "paper and pencil" medical records, he should remember that most of the complexity in using an EMR/EHR system is in complying with HIS department's regulations, authored (and royalties coming) from the AMA, not in actually taking good care of the patients.

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