2023 MOA Information & Technology Committee Board Report

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The MOA Information & Technology Committee (I.T. Committee) provides advocacy and strategies on topics related to I.T. issues that impact our physicians and their patients.

The I.T. Committee has gathered information and distributed announcements via the Pulse newsletter and the MOA website that the Michigan Bureau of Professional Licensing's (BPL) enforcement of the electronic prescribing standard will coincide with the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services' (CMS) enforcement schedule for Part D prescription drug programs.

Many members contacted the MOA with concerns regarding the January 1, 2023 enforcement of the Electronic Prescribing requirements. Kris Nicholoff and the I.T. committee staff arranged a conference call with BPL where they addressed concerns and provided information to share with MOA members regarding the terms of adhering to the new requirements and how to apply for a waiver.

The MOA has also procured a vendor to develop a new, mobile application for the MOA. The mobile app will be utilized as a tool for members and offer information to non-members on the value proposition of the MOA. The app will connect with our current website using Application Programming Interface (API) tools, to allow dues payments and registration for MOA events.

Key goals of the I.T. Committee:

- Provide suggestions to the Education Committee regarding I.T. issues, suggest speakers
- Provide news & updates on cyber security and EHR from trusted resources
- Work with the MOA Council of Governmental Affairs to advocate on I.T. issues
- Leverage business relationships to provide trusted information and education on protecting information

Key issues:

- Interoperability
- Telehealth
- EHR policies and regulations
- Electronic Prescriptions (enforcement began January 1, 2023)
- MAPS
- Share knowledge where issues may overlap with other committees

The MOA website offers an I.T. Contact form (www.domoa.org/itcontact) to gather questions and comments from membership.